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Clamor
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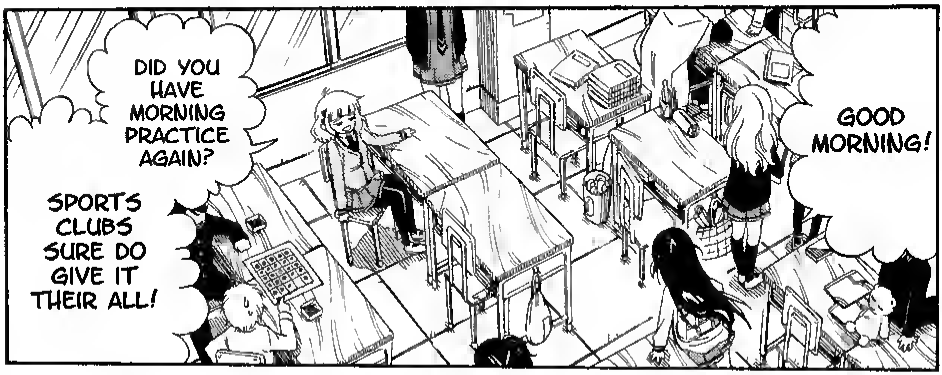
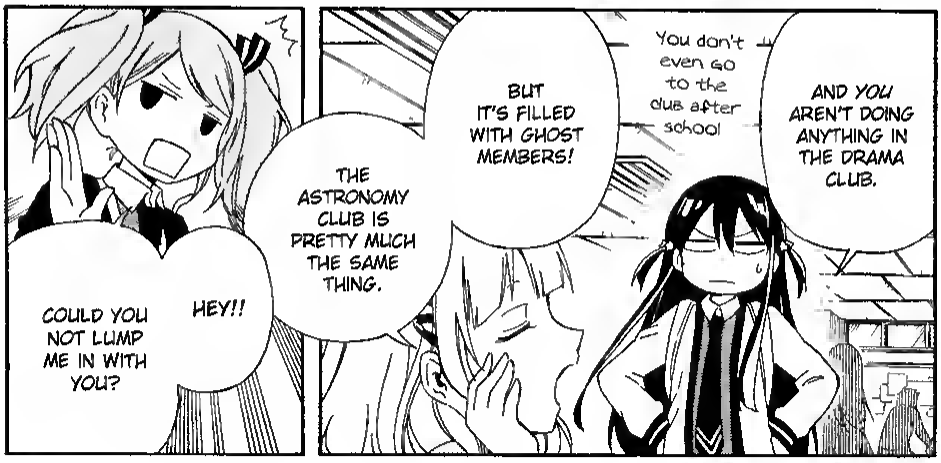
TSUKASA!
AH!
MORNING,

GOOD MORNING.


DID YOU HAVE MORNING PRACTICE AGAIN?
SPORTS CLUBS SURE DO GIVE IT THEIR ALL!
GOOD MORNING!


COULD YOU NOT LUMP ME IN WITH YOU?
HEY!!
THE ASTRONOMY CLUB IS PRETTY MUCH THE SAME THING.
BUT IT'S FILLED WITH GHOST MEMBERS!
You don't even go to the club after school
AND YOU AREN'T DOING ANYTHING IN THE DRAMA CLUB.

TODAY
Ahahaha! Seriously!
STOP IT!
YOU TALK FOREVER ABOUT THAT STUFF!
DURING THE METEOR SHOWER THE OTHER DAY,
I DO CLUB ACTIVITIES ON MY OWN.
JUST AS IF
WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY DIDN'T MATTER.
IS LIKE ANY OTHER MORNING,
I'LL SAY IT MYSELF!!
!
Ahhhh!
WAIT A SECOND!
ABOUT YESTER-DAY,
...ANYWAY, TSUKASA,

Yaaaay!
I'LL TRY
GIVING ASAKURA-KUN A SHOT!
...HUH?

CH. 6 ★ HAPPY

WHAAAT!?
1-B
You're too loud, Kotooka!
We pass by each other
...BUT WHAT ARE YOU SO SURPRISED ABOUT?
I'LL TELL HIM IN PERSON WHEN I'M OUT JOGGING IN THE MORNING TOMORROW...
YOU WERE THE ONE THAT PUSHED ME THE MOST TO GO OUT WITH HIM.
...Y-
YEAH, BUT...
IT'S STILL SURPRISING
THAT YOU'D REALLY END UP DOING IT!

PLUS, YOU AND WASHIO HELPED ME OUT WITH IT.
AND I THOUGHT IT'D BE KIND OF NICE TO TRY EXPERIENCING SOMETHING LIKE THIS, TOO...
WELL, WHEN I REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT,
ASAKURA-KUN'S A NICE GUY,
WELL,
AT ANY RATE, GOOD FOR YOU!
Hmph!
NOW I'LL HAVE A BOYFRIEND, TOO!
WHAT DO YOU THINK, WASHIO!?
COULD YOU TRY NOT TO BE SO SNOOTY FROM GETTING YOUR FIRST BOYFRIEND?
NOW YOU CAN'T LOOK DOWN ON ME ANYMORE, KOTOOKA.
EH HEH HEH...

BUT DON'T NEGLECT YOUR SCHOOLWORK.
GETTING EXCITED ABOUT IT IS JUST FINE,
.....
THEN I'LL TALK TO YOU LATER!
DING DONG DING DONG
AH,
Take your seats!
What was first period again?
Crap, the teacher's here!
ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO BE MY MOM OR THE TEACHER!?
HA HA HA HA!
BUT YOU DID REALLY BADLY ON THE LAST FINAL EXAM.
AHHH! THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW A TEST WITH A ONE-DIGIT SCORE!
STOP IT! DON'T BRING THAT UP!

I ACTED LIKE I ALWAYS DO, RIGHT?
created an alibi to
It'll be found later.
s time, the numbe
IT'S FINE THIS WAY, RIGHT?
KINU

LAST NIGHT
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT...
Rub Rub
SORRY EVERY-ONE. ...UH,
I MADE A MISTAKE HERE.
REWRITE IT.
IT'S OKAY.

It was.
This'll Be on the test!
I'M SURE THAT FEELINGS
July 22 tha
WASHIO ONCE HAD SOMEONE ELSE SHE USED TO LIKE, TOO.
Lame
CONTINUOUSLY GET OVERWRITTEN.
22 that
AT THAT TIME,
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS TO "LIKE" SOMEONE.
TO ME,
YEAH...
PLUS...

MY HEART
ENDED UP RACING...
I SHOULD PROB-ABLY
PART WITH THESE FEELINGS.
IF I DO THAT,
I'VE THOUGHT THIS FOR A WHILE,
I WON'T SAY STUFF LIKE THAT TO KOTOOKA,
BUT I CAN'T UNDER-STAND THAT WAY YOU THINK!
AND
I WON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH PAINFUL STUFF LIKE THAT ANYMORE.
"INSTEAD OF ME GOING, KOTOOKA IS USED TO STUFF LIKE THAT,
SO SHE'D BE OF MORE HELP TO SHIRATORI."

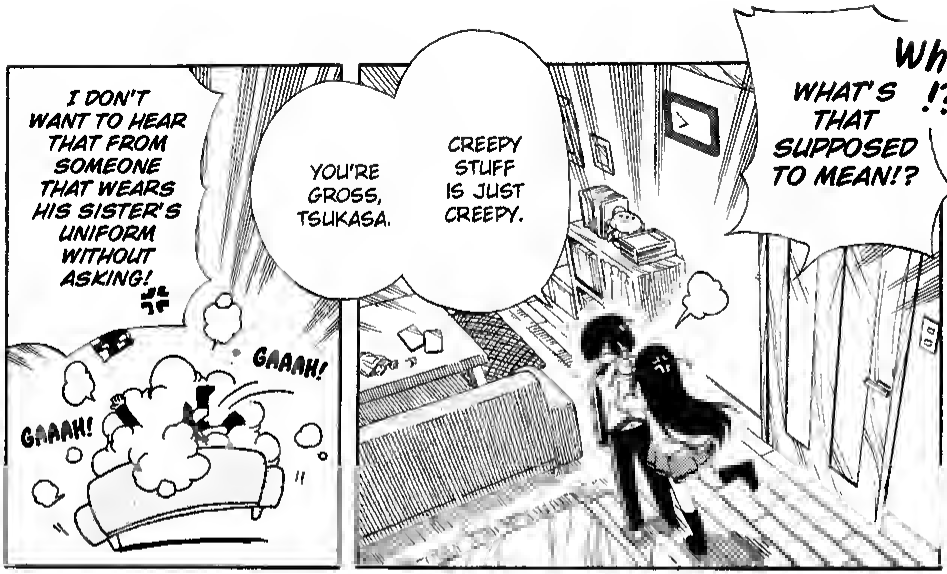
Glance
SO,
IT'S FINE THIS WAY...

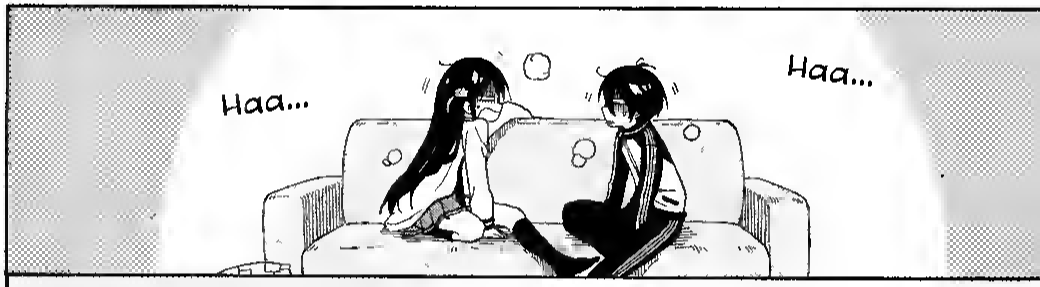
IT'S FINE...
Dazed...
Haa
I'M HOME...

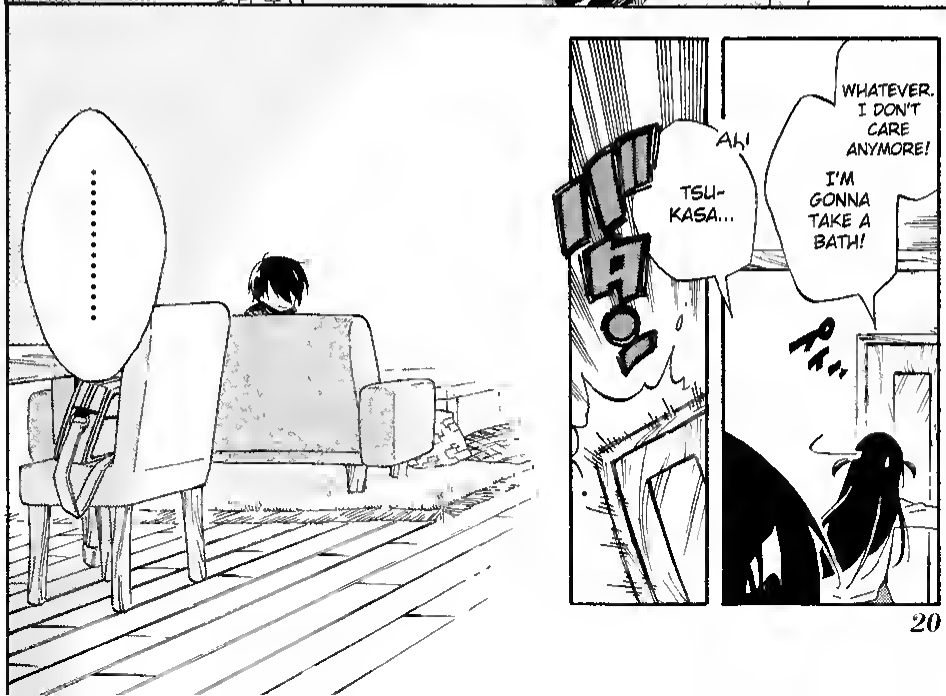
Ah!
WHAT WAS THAT KICK JUST NOW!? THAT WAS SO COOL...!!
THE MONSTER SQUAD CURSE RANGERS ARE ALWAYS SO EXCITING!!!
...YOU'RE WATCHING THAT SUPER-HERO STUFF AGAIN?
Welcome back!
And you're being so noisy.
WANNA WATCH IT WITH ME?
I'LL PASS.
AWWW...
I OUTGREW THAT STUFF A LONG TIME AGO.
...SHEESH.
Dazed..

TSUKASA, AGAIN?
YOU'RE MAKING THAT FACE AGAIN?
.....?
WHAT FACE...?
YOU LOOKED JUST LIKE THAT ON OUR WAY HOME LAST NIGHT, TOO.
...IN THE END, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO
ABOUT KYOUSUKE ASAKURA?

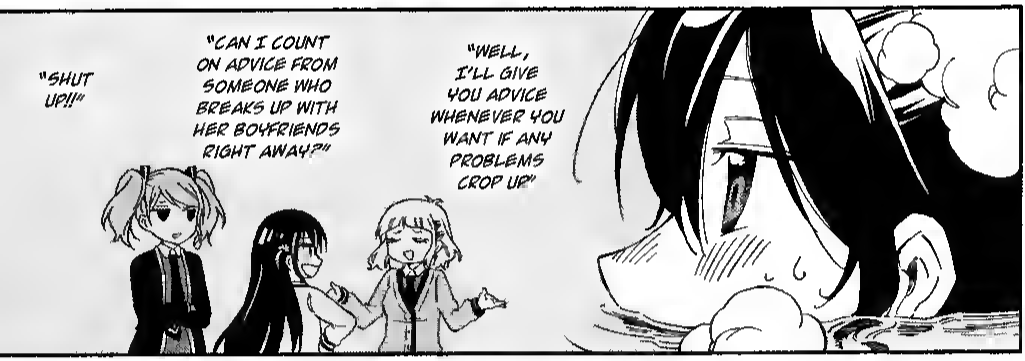
I DON'T LIKE IT.
...WHY DO I NEED TO GET YOUR PERMISSION?
YOU REALLY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT HOW UPFRONT YOU ARE ABOUT YOUR SISTER COM...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
.....?
WHENEVER IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH KYOUSUKE ASAKURA...
I DON'T LIKE THE WAY YOU ACT!
IT'S CREEPING ME OUT!!!

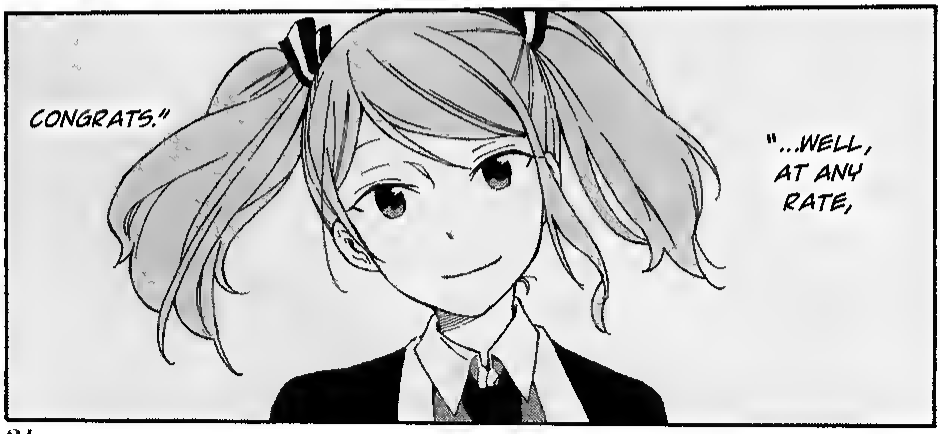

What !?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN!?
CREEPY STUFF IS JUST CREEPY.
YOU'RE GROSS, TSUKASA.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM SOMEONE THAT WEARS HIS SISTER'S UNIFORM WITHOUT ASKING!
GAAAH!
GAAAH!


Haa...
Haa...


.....
AH!
TSU-KASA...
WHATEVER. I DON'T CARE ANYMORE!
I'M GONNA TAKE A BATH!

SHEESH...
WHAT'S WITH HIM...?
ポポ!
ポ!...
チラ?...


"SHUT UP!!"
"CAN I COUNT ON ADVICE FROM SOMEONE WHO BREAKS UP WITH HER BOYFRIENDS RIGHT AWAY?"
"WELL, I'LL GIVE YOU ADVICE WHENEVER YOU WANT IF ANY PROBLEMS CROP UP"


"...WELL, AT ANY RATE,
CONGRATS."

パタ…

Dazed...
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ

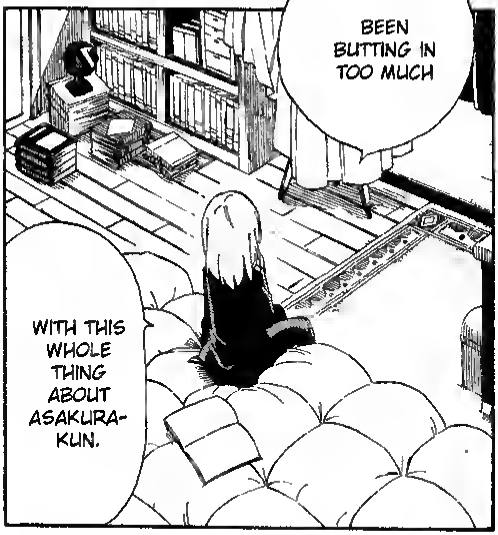
HELLO ...?
A CALL ...?
THAT'S UNUSUAL...

...UWEH...

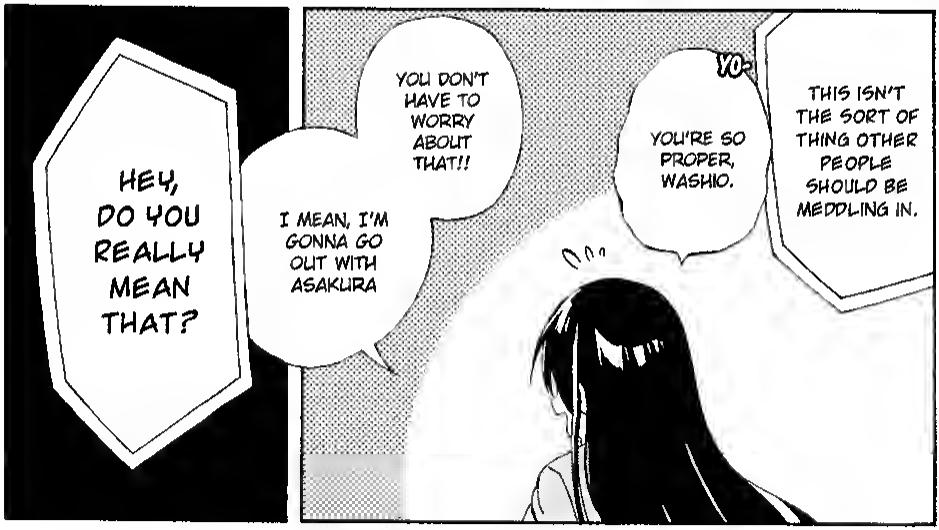
HELLO ?
.....
WASHIO ...?
Pang...

HUH ...?
...YEAH,
WHAT IS IT?
WHY ...?
IS NOW A GOOD TIME?

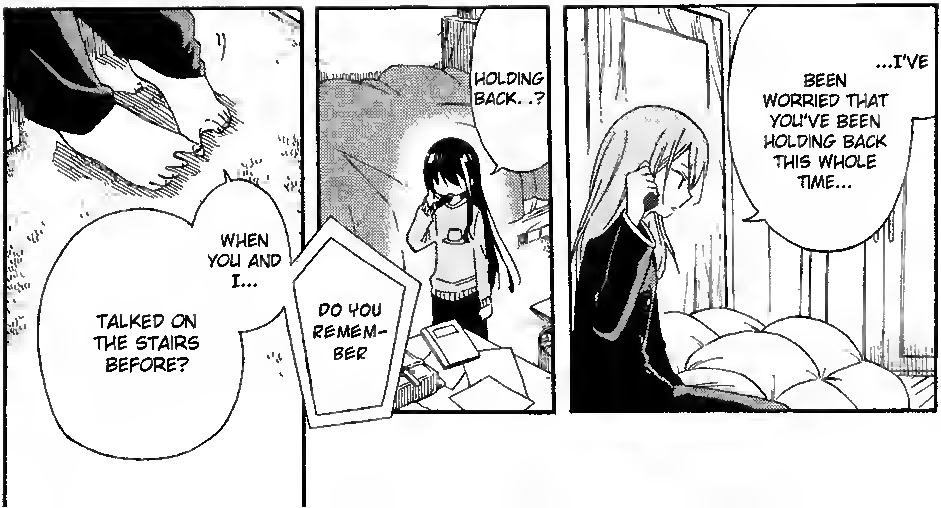
...HUH?
I'VE


BEEN BUTTING IN TOO MUCH
WITH THIS WHOLE THING ABOUT ASAKURA-KUN.

I'M SORRY.


HEY, DO YOU REALLY MEAN THAT?
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!!
I MEAN, I'M GONNA GO OUT WITH ASAKURA
YO
YOU'RE SO PROPER, WASHIO.
THIS ISN'T THE SORT OF THING OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD BE MEDDLING IN.

YOU'RE NOT JUST GOING ALONG WITH IT
BECAUSE WE WERE UNREASONABLY STIRRING THINGS UP?
ARE YOU PRIORITIZING
YOUR OWN FEELINGS?


...I'VE BEEN WORRIED THAT YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK THIS WHOLE TIME...
HOLDING BACK..?
DO YOU REMEMBER
WHEN YOU AND I...
TALKED ON THE STAIRS BEFORE?

I JUST
YOU SAID... THAT WAS
"PRETTY NICE".
WANT TO KEEP CARING FOR HER.
BACK THEN...
THA
ACTU-
ALLY
PRETTY NICE!

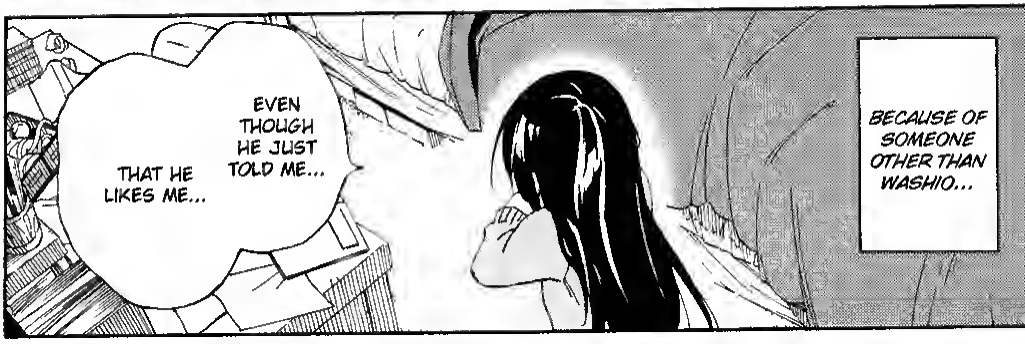
SO...I THOUGHT...
THAT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE INTERESTED IN FALLING IN LOVE YOURSELF...
YOU'VE BEEN HOLDING BACK BECAUSE I'M LIKE THIS...
AND ACTING LIKE YOU'RE NOT INTER-ESTED.
IT
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!

I WAS JUST... SAYING THAT... UM...
IT'S PRETTY NICE
THAT YOU CAN THINK THAT WAY...!
HUH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "HUH"?
WELL, THAT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, SHIRATORI.

YOU
DIDN'T REJECT ME.
THAT'S WHY I CAN BE WHO I AM NOW.

AND HAPPY,
AND HURT,
I FEEL SO HAPPY,
SO I DECIDED
THAT IF YOU FOUND SOMEONE YOU LIKE,
AND HURT.
I'D DEFINITELY SUPPORT YOU.
WASHIO'S THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN MAKE ME FEEL LIKE THIS.

SO I WAS THINKING IT'D BE NICE IF YOU AND ASAKURA-KUN ENDED UP LIKE THAT...
AND SORT OF GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF..
BUT...
MY HEART ENDED UP RACING...
Sniff


BECAUSE OF SOMEONE OTHER THAN WASHIO...
EVEN THOUGH HE JUST TOLD ME...
THAT HE LIKES ME...

IT'S OKAY.
THAT'S NORMAL.

I SEE NOW, SHIRATORI.
I GUESS YOU'VE...
GOTTEN PRETTY JUMBLED UP.
IF SOMEONE CARES FOR YOU,
IT MAKES YOU HAPPY.
.....
YOU TOO, WASHIO?

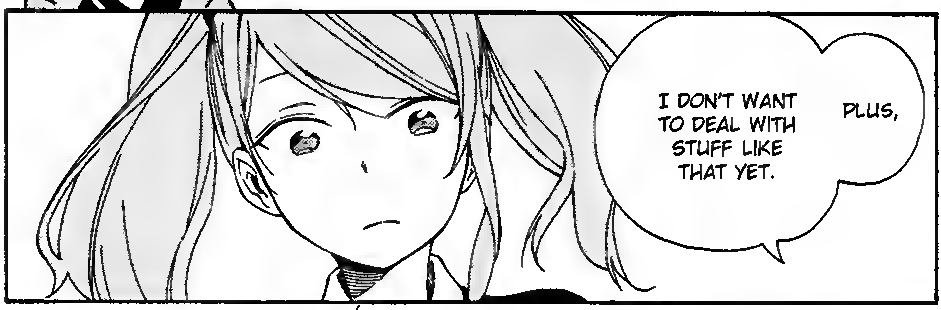
OF COURSE.
WELL,
IF I HAD SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
...IF I REALLY DO... END UP GOING OUT WITH ASAKURA-KUN... HOW WOULD YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

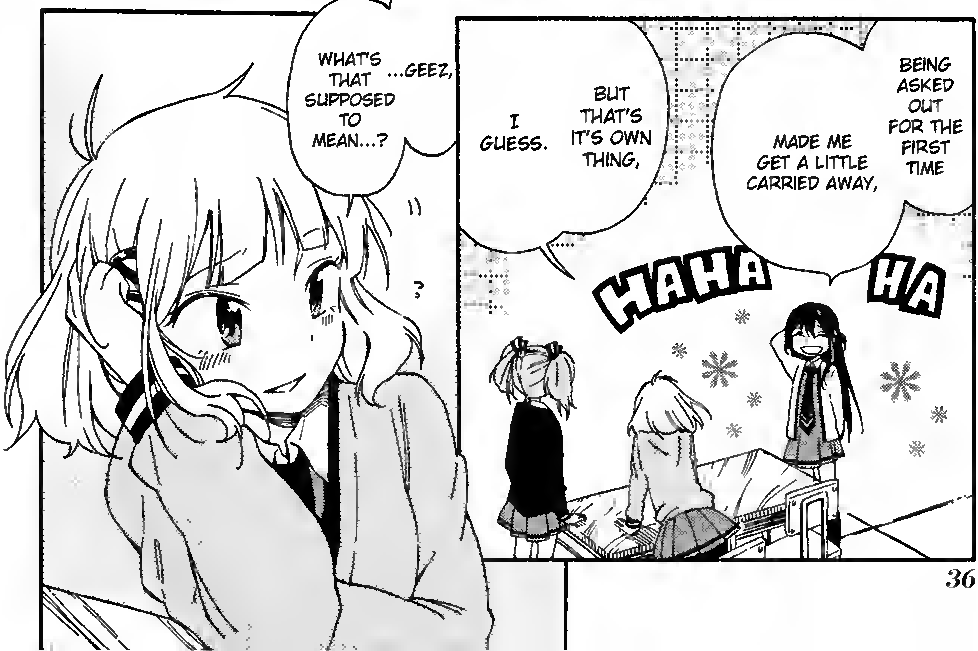
THAT IT'S
SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DECIDE, SHIRATORI.
...I SEE.
...YEAH.
I
WANTED HER TO STOP ME.

BUT
THAT
ISN'T SOMETHING I SHOULD HOPE FOR FROM A "FRIEND"...

YOU TURNED HIM DOWN!?
WHAAAT!?
WELL...
JUST YESTERDAY YOU...
WHY!?
.....
...I GUESS I SUDDENLY HAD A CHANGE OF HEART.
WHAA-AAAT!?
You're too loud Kotooka!
BUT I REALLY THOUGHT IT OVER!!
.....

YOU'RE PRACTICALLY THE POSTER GIRL FOR GIRLS THAT CAN'T GET A BOYFRIEND BECAUSE THEY'RE TOO ATTACHED TO THEIR CLUB ACTIVITIES!
SO THE COMPETITION TO BE A REGULAR IS GONNA GET MORE INTENSE, TOO!
WE'RE GONNA BE SECOND-YEARS,
NOOOO!
Who is this? →
Wanna try receiving my Supernova Shot?
Aim to be an ace shooter
FIRST OF ALL,
I WANT TO FOCUS ON PLAYING ON THE SOCCER TEAM!!


I DON'T WANT TO DEAL WITH STUFF LIKE THAT YET.
PLUS,


WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN...?
...GEEZ,
I GUESS.
BUT THAT'S IT'S OWN THING,
MADE ME GET A LITTLE CARRIED AWAY,
BEING ASKED OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME
HAHA
HA

BE QUIET, YOU TWO.
PUSH
Wa!
Kya!

きゃあ
きゃあ
I'M NOT SO SURE.
WHA...!? WASN'T IT ACTUALLY MATURE OF ME TO CALMLY MAKE A DECISION ABOUT IT!?
IN OTHER WORDS, YOU'RE STILL JUST A KID, TSUKASA!
Haa
Omf

SHIRA-TORI,
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY WITH THIS?

I DON'T KNOW
IF IT'S OKAY LIKE THIS.
BUT
I'LL WORK HARD
Stop it, Nadeshiko!
You're messing up my bangs!
SO THAT I DON'T
MAKE KOTOOKA FEEL BAD,

EVEN IF I
KEEP FALTERING OVER AND OVER AGAIN.
...SHIRA-TORI?
AND SO THAT I
CAN BE SOMEONE WHO MAKES WASHIO FEEL HAPPY.
THESE FEELINGS I HAVE RIGHT NOW.
I WANT TO CHERISH

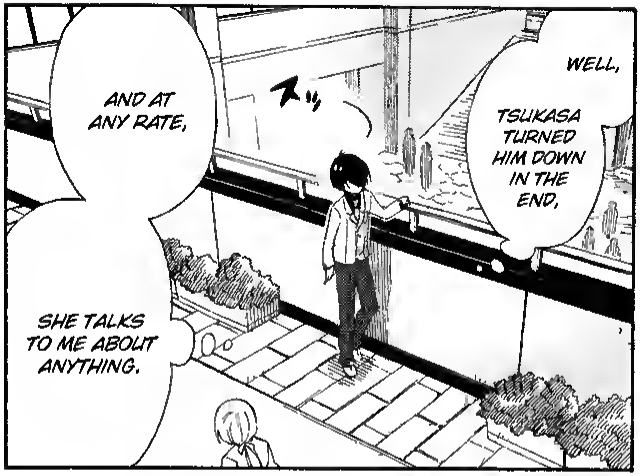
EVEN IF THE DAY WHERE I CAN TELL HER NEVER COMES.

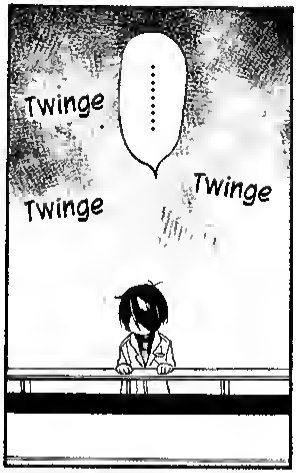
IT'S FINE.

IT WAS MY DECISION, AFTER ALL!

.....
YOU TURNED HIM DOWN?
WHEN YOU ASKED ME IF I WAS HAPPY WHEN HE ASKED ME OUT?
...YOU KNOW BEFORE
...JUST SO YOU KNOW, IT WASN'T FOR YOUR SAKE.
...OHHH,
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU DECIDED IN THE END!

I CAN SAY NOW
THAT IT MADE ME HAPPY!
...WHAT WAS THAT?
SHE NEVER WOULD HAVE SAID
SOMETHING LIKE THAT BEFORE...
Twinge...


AND AT ANY RATE,
SHE TALKS TO ME ABOUT ANYTHING.
WELL,
TSUKASA TURNED HIM DOWN IN THE END,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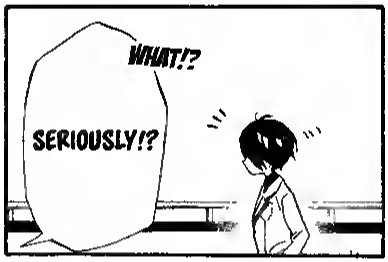

WHAT!?
SERIOUSLY!?

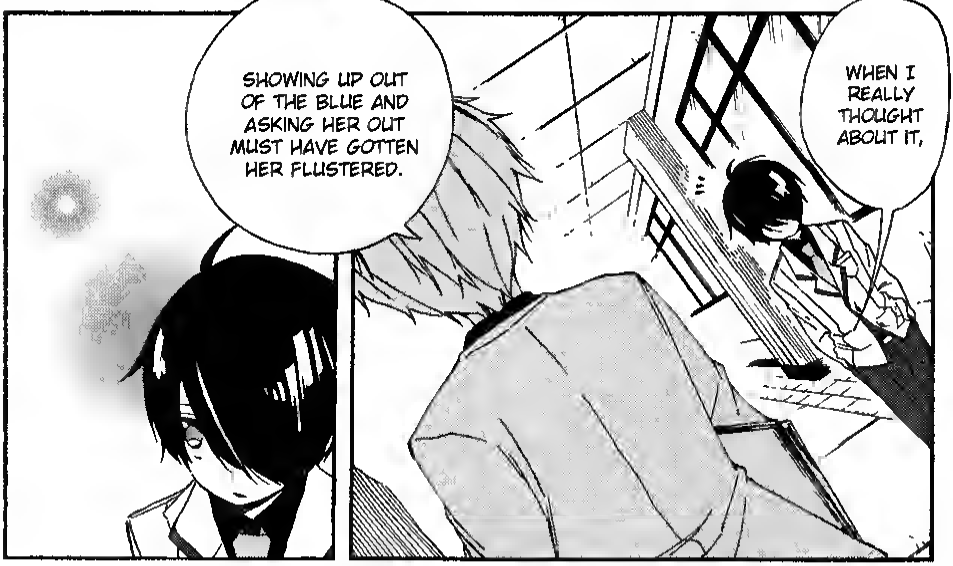
SHE TURNED YOU DOWN!?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

IT'S OKAY.
TSU-KASA...
HASN'T CHANGED.

AH!
SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH STUFF LIKE THAT YET,
PLAIN AND SIMPLE.
KYOUSUKE ASAKURA.
SHEESH.
I'M GETTING NERVOUS BECAUSE OF YOU NOW,
Ah!
Brush
Brush

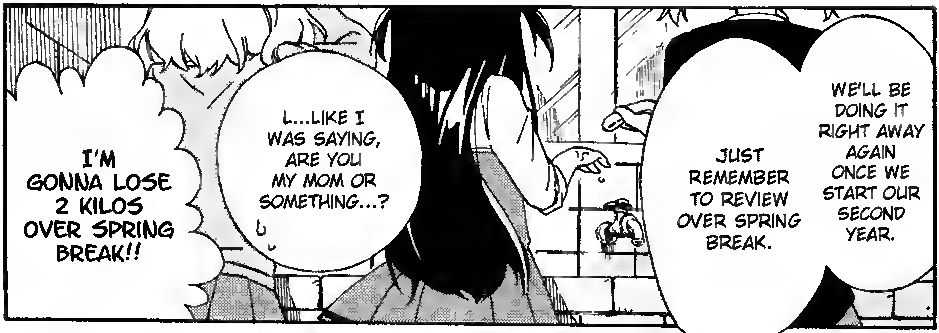
EHH...?
THIS GIRL YOU LIKE FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL...
You won't tell us her name, so that's all I can call her.
SO YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH TSUKSASA,
BUT SHE ALREADY TURNED YOU DOWN,
BECAUSE SHE REJECTED YOU!

IT'S NOT HER FAULT.
What girl invites you to hang out with her and then does that..?
Girls are scary..
FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, WHO DOES SHE THINK SHE IS...?


SHOWING UP OUT OF THE BLUE AND ASKING HER OUT MUST HAVE GOTTEN HER FLUSTERED.
WHEN I REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT,

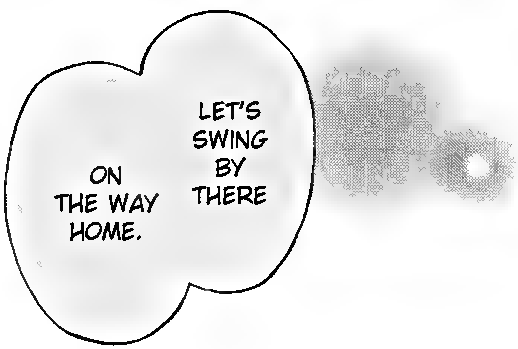
I'M ON LUNCH DUTY TODAY, SO I'LL GIVE YOU A LARGER PORTION, ASAKURA!
DAMN, YOU'RE NICE!!
URGH!
OH,
HE'S SURPRISINGLY UNDER-STANDING.
SO
I'M THE ONE AT FAULT.
GETTING TURNED DOWN WAS UNAVOIDABLE,
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE HE HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH HER ANYMORE.
BUT

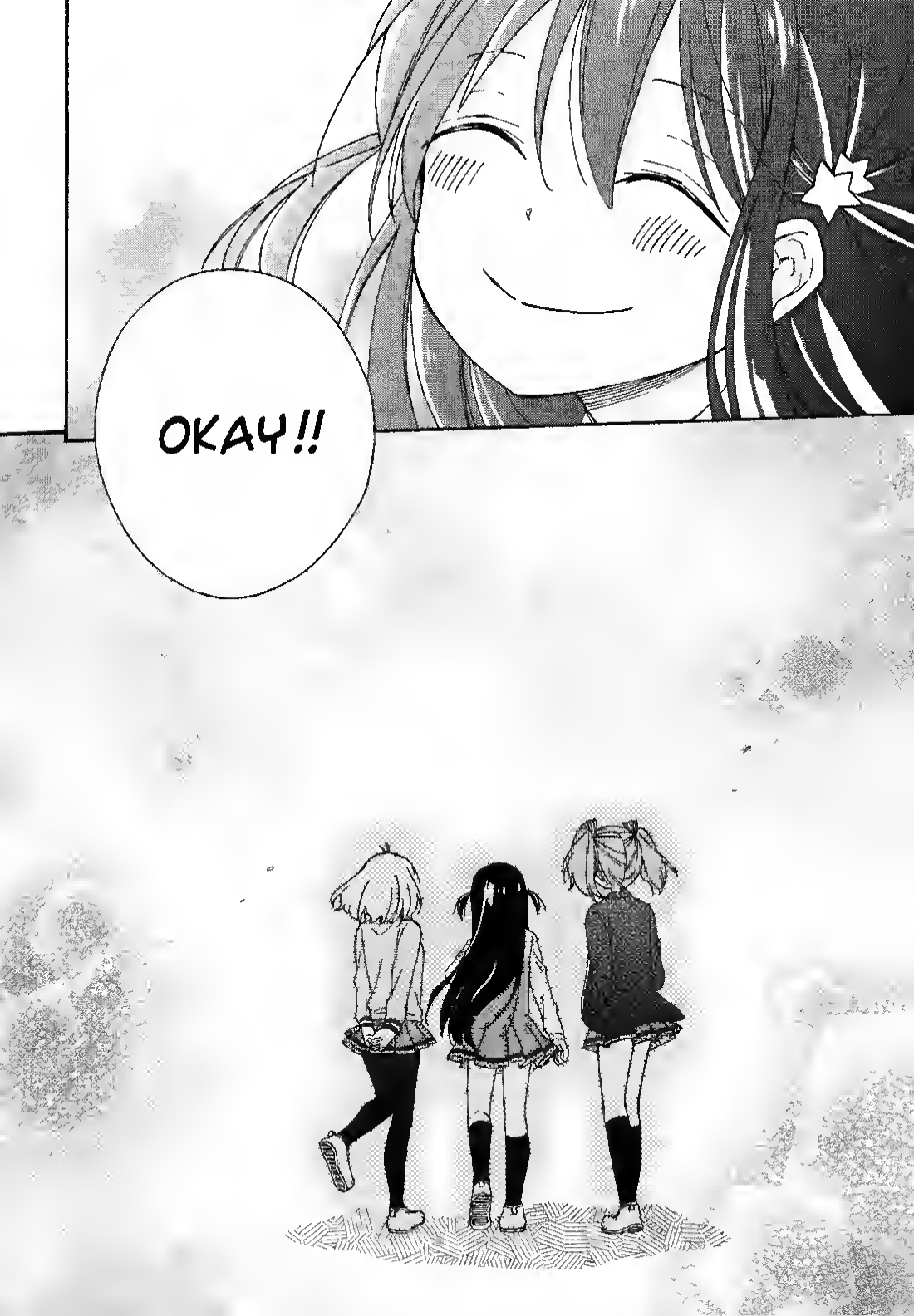
I'M
NOT ONE FOR GIVING UP.
WHAT'S NEXT PERIOD AGAIN?
MATH.
ROOM
All right...!!
IT'S OUR LAST MATH CLASS OF THE SCHOOL YEAR...!!


I'M GONNA LOSE 2 KILOS OVER SPRING BREAK!!
L...LIKE I WAS SAYING, ARE YOU MY MOM OR SOMETHING...?
JUST REMEMBER TO REVIEW OVER SPRING BREAK.
WE'LL BE DOING IT RIGHT AWAY AGAIN ONCE WE START OUR SECOND YEAR.

THE DONUT SHOP IN FRONT OF THE STATION HAS A HALF-PRICE SALE GOING ON RIGHT NOW.
COME TO THINK OF IT,
SH... SHUT UP!!
YOU LOVE EATING MEAT.
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL PULL THAT OFF.

THEN THIS IS PERFECT TIMING.
I DON'T HAVE TEAM PRACTICE TOMORROW!!
HEY!!
KNOCK IT OFF!


LET'S SWING BY THERE ON THE WAY HOME.


OKAY!!

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I DESIGNED MY SELF-PORTRAIT FOR USE HERE IN A HURRY, BUT I'M SURPRISED HOW MUCH I LIKE IT.

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大切なものだけど、失くしてもしまいたいもの。

朝倉からの告白に、どう答えるか悩む司。
考え抜いた末に、彼女が出した結論は実たして――…!?
そして、それぞれが抱える新たな秘密、
揺らぐたんの内面が明らかになって、
三人と二人の関係はより複雑に…。

秘密を抱えた主人公達による
揺らぜ系青春物語、衝撃の第2巻!!

「あれは叶わない恋をしている涙
私にはよくわかるの」

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YAAAAY!
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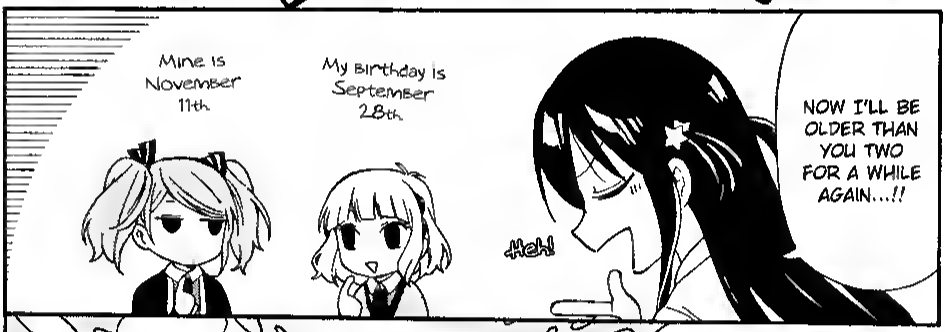
おい
おい
SPRING BREAK STARTS TOMORROW!
THAT'S WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT IT!!
Geh...
I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND THE WAY SPORTS CLUBS THINK...
ガヤ
ガヤ
...THAT SAID, YOU'LL BE SPENDING MUCH OF IT DOING SOCCER PRACTICE.
ANYWAY,
ISN'T THERE AN IMPORTANT EVENT DURING SPRING BREAK?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
WAAAAAA!
Today's Star
That's right!!
TSUKASA'S BIRTHDAY!
Born on April 5th


Mine is November 11th.
My birthday is September 28th.
Heh!
NOW I'LL BE OLDER THAN YOU TWO FOR A WHILE AGAIN...!!

...THEN
I WANT YOU TWO TO THROW ME A SURPRISE PARTY!!
REALLY !?
YOURS WAS THE ONLY ONE WE DIDN'T CELEBRATE LAST YEAR, SO YOU CAN ASK US FOR ANYTHING.
Ah!

Do you know what surprise means...?
sort of look
WA... WAIT!!
LET ME EXPLAIN!!

.....
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT...
THEN WE'LL DO IT.
But is that really a surprise?

SO THAT I CAN GET EXCITED OVER WONDERING WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO FOR ME WHILE WAITING FOR MY BIRTHDAY!!
I WANT YOU TWO TO PREPARE STUFF LIKE PRESENTS ON YOUR OWN...
That'd be a wonderful surprise!

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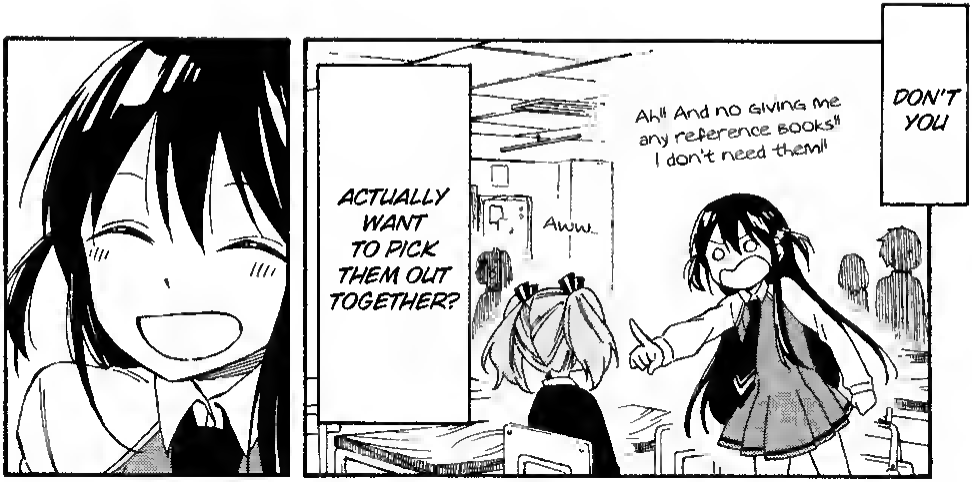

THAT YOU LIKE NADESHIKO.

I HAVE A SECRET.

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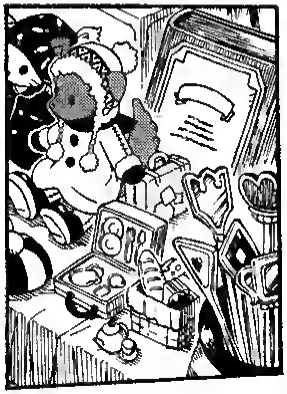
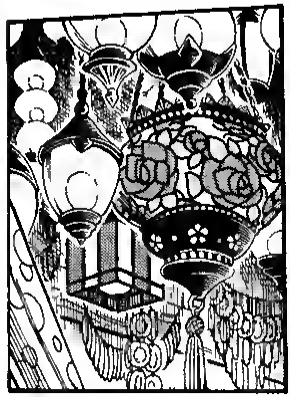
I'VE KNOWN ABOUT TSUKASA'S FEELINGS FOR NADESHIKO.

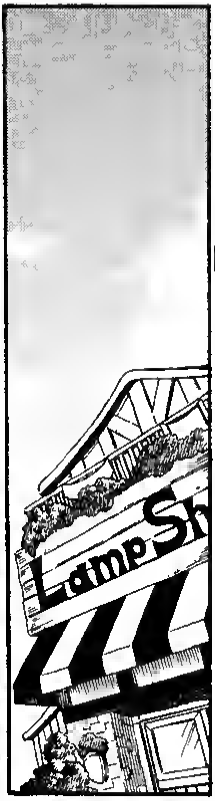
SO BIT BY BIT,
I CAME TO REALIZE
WHO TSUKASA HAS EYES FOR.
BUT,
I THO-UGHT
THAT THERE'S NO WAY
AND THAT I MUST BE IMAGINING THINGS.
HOWEVER, I CONFIRMED IT
THAT DAY.

THE DAY BEFORE VALENTINE'S DAY.
Haa...
Haa...
ON THAT NIGHT
YOUR HAIR'S KIND OF
COMPARED TO BEFORE,
GOTTEN PRETTIER.
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT KIND OF SIGNIFICANCE THOSE WORDS HOLD FOR TSUKASA.

I KNOW ALL TOO WELL ABOUT THAT.
BUT THOSE WERE TEARS FROM UNREQUITED LOVE.
NADE-SHIKO!!



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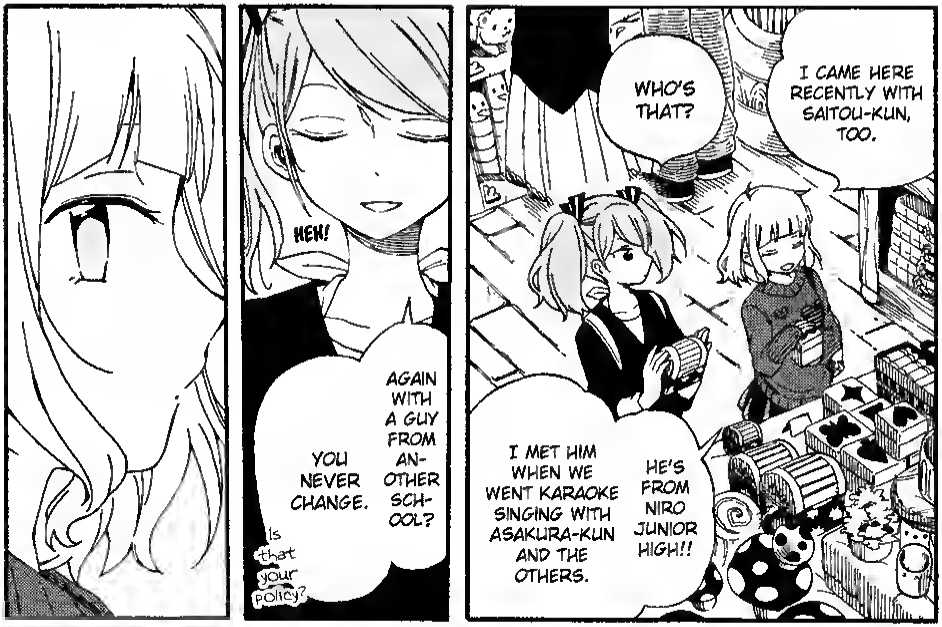
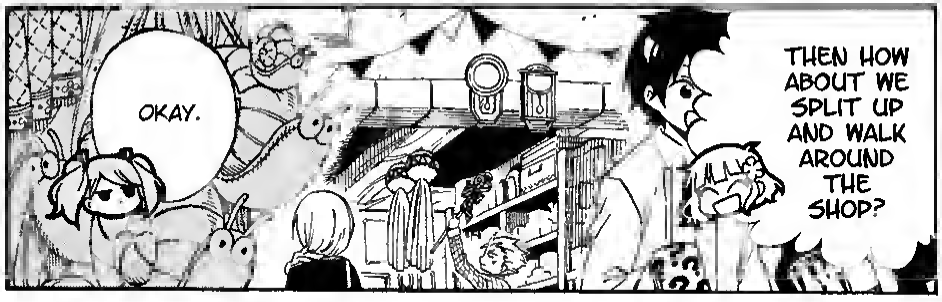
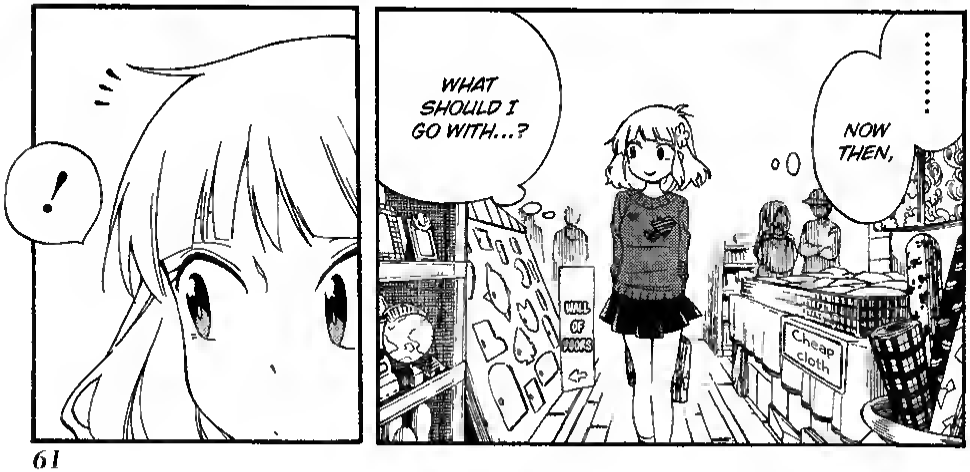
LET'S GO OVER TODAY'S PLANS!!
FIRST, WE PICK OUT OUR PRESENTS! SECOND, WE GO BACK TO THE SHOP TO PICK UP THE CAKE! AND THIRD, WE GO MEET UP WITH TSUKASA AFTER SHE'S DONE WITH SOCCER PRACTICE!!
GOT IT.

I LOVE THIS KNICK-KNACK SHOP!!
WOW.


HEH!
YOU NEVER CHANGE.
AGAIN WITH A GUY FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL?
Is that your policy?
WHO'S THAT?
I CAME HERE RECENTLY WITH SAITOU-KUN, TOO.
HE'S FROM NIRO JUNIOR HIGH!!
I MET HIM WHEN WE WENT KARAOKE SINGING WITH ASAKURA-KUN AND THE OTHERS.


OKAY.
THEN HOW ABOUT WE SPLIT UP AND WALK AROUND THE SHOP?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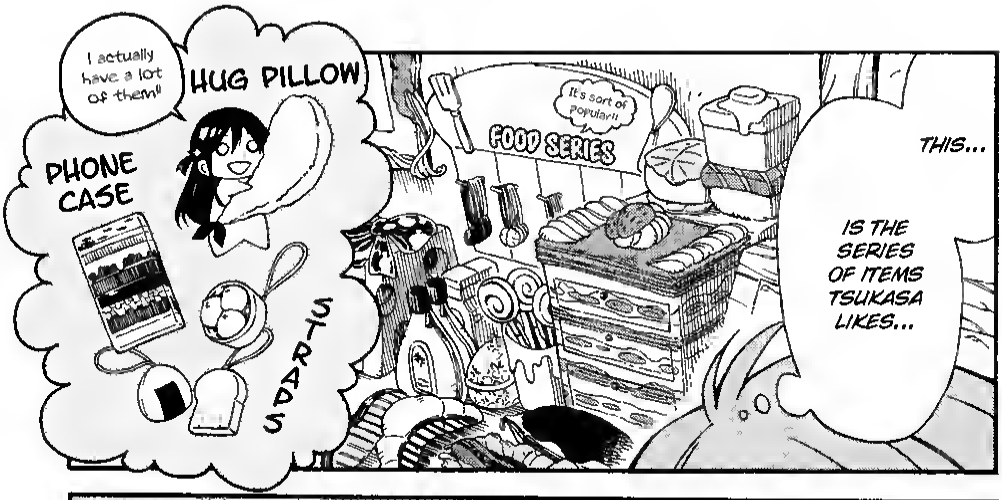
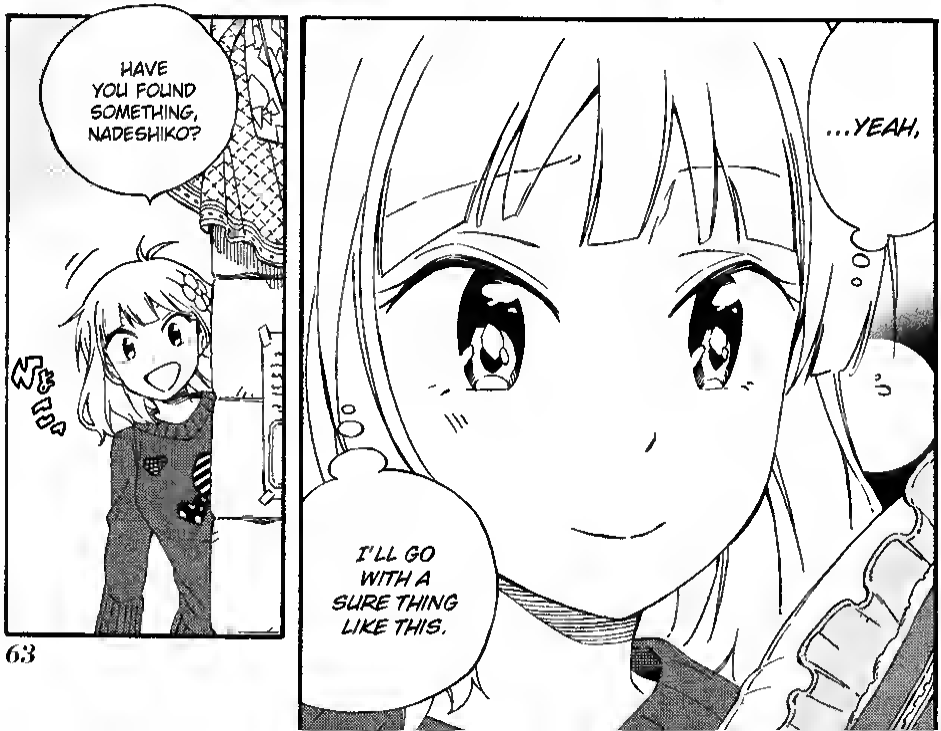
WHAT SHOULD I GO WITH...?
NOW THEN,
.....
WALL OF FOOKS
Cheap cloth

HO-
COMPACT MIRRORS
800 YEN
HOW CUTE!!
I WANNA GIVE HER THIS!!
ACTUALLY, I WANT THIS!!
Are you serious?
and why do you need to always look at your face?
There's a mirror in the bathroom,
Why are you carrying around a hand mirror?
...BUT...
AHH...
I GUESS TSUKASA WOULDN'T USE SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
A conversation from some time ago
I'LL FIND SOMETHING ELSE...
AH!


I actually have a lot of them!!
HUG PILLOW
PHONE CASE
STRAPS
It's sort of popular!!
FOOD SERIES
THIS...
IS THE SERIES OF ITEMS TSUKASA LIKES...

Eh-heh!
SHE'D TOTALLY SAY THAT.
"I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET THIS!"
"THANK YOU!"


HAVE YOU FOUND SOMETHING, NADESHIKO?
...YEAH,
I'LL GO WITH A SURE THING LIKE THIS.

...WHAT ARE YOU AGONIZING OVER?
AH!
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Hmm...
Hmm...
Gemini
WOW!
THEY'RE SO PRETTY! THIS WOULD BE GREAT!
CONSTELLATION KEYCHAINS?
...WELL...
IN THE ASTRONOMY CLUB
IF ANYTHING, THIS IS SOMETHING I'M INTERESTED IN...
Sagittarius
Capricor

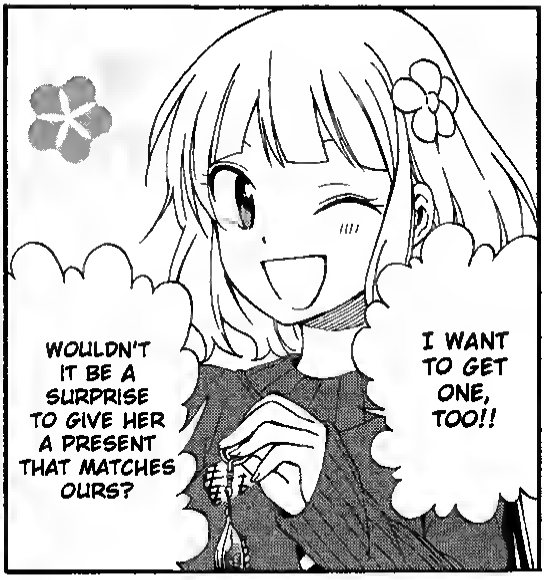
I WAS JUST ABOUT TO DO THE SAME THING...
but I want one, too...
I want to give it to her!
WHO DOES THAT!?
SO I'D BE FORCING MY OWN INTERESTS ONTO SOMEONE FOR THEIR BIRTHDAY...
Hmmmmm...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT? THEY'RE SO CUTE, AND BESIDES...
WHEN IT COMES TO STUFF LIKE THIS.
NADE-SHIKO IS SO PROPER

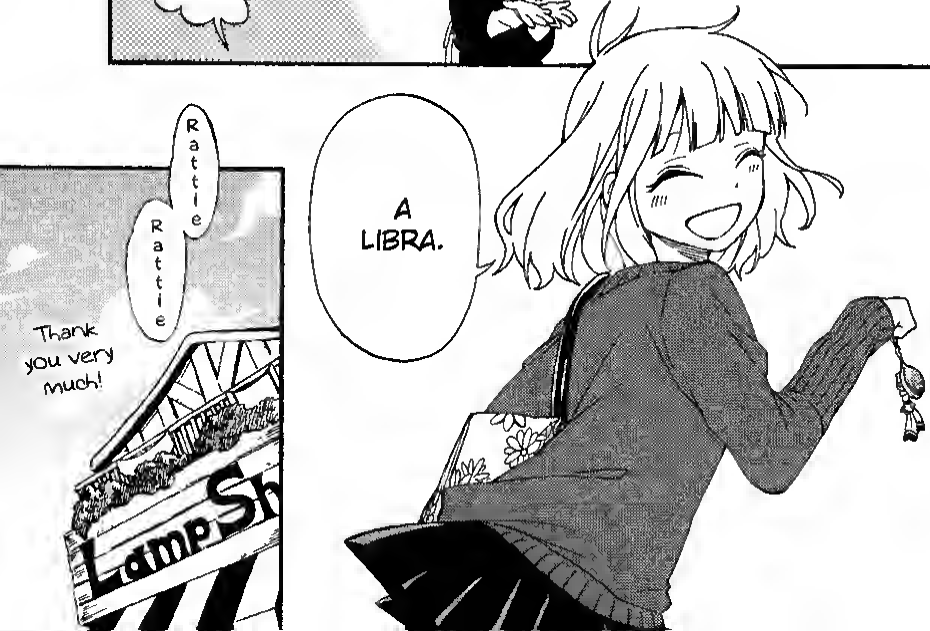
.....
KOTO-OKA?
TSUKASA WOULD BE HAPPY
WITH ANYTHING YOU GIVE HER.

Smile
I DID IT AGAIN.
EVEN THOUGH I DECIDED THAT I WOULDN'T THINK ABOUT IT ANYMORE!!
IN THAT CASE,
HOW ABOUT WE BUY ONE OF THESE FOR EACH OF US?
HUH?

THE FACT IS THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY MATCHING ITEMS!
YEAH... We all have different interests


I WANT TO GET ONE, TOO!!
WOULDN'T IT BE A SURPRISE TO GIVE HER A PRESENT THAT MATCHES OURS?

TSUKASA'S AN ARIES, AND I'M...
Don't throw stuff
Toss
Since you were born in November HERE'S SCORPIO!


A LIBRA.
Rattle
Rattle
Thank you very much!
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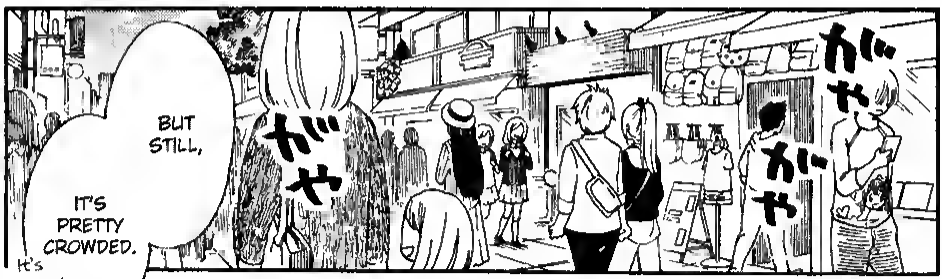
menu
WE GOT SOME NICE PRESENTS!
TO BE HONEST, YOU REALLY HELPED ME OUT.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT SHOPS LIKE THAT.
Well
YOU WERE GOING TO GIVE HER A REFERENCE BOOK AT FIRST.
I don't want one, either

SURE THING.

I LIKE THAT SHOP, TOO.
LET'S ALL GO THERE TOGETHER NEXT TIME.


BUT STILL,
IT'S PRETTY CROWDED.
It's definitely spring break.
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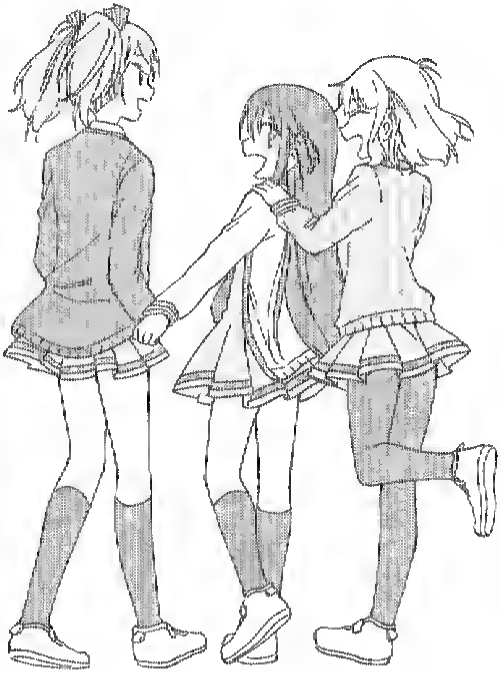
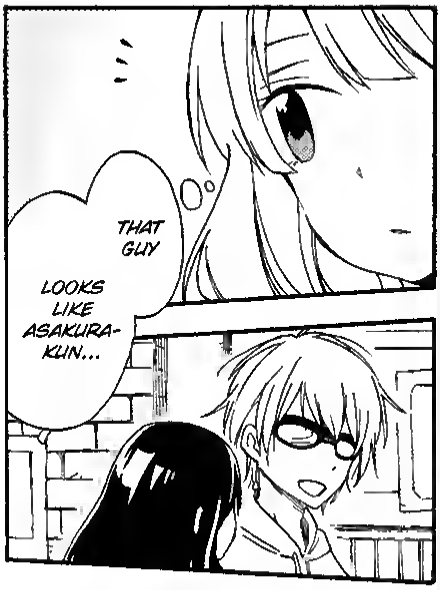
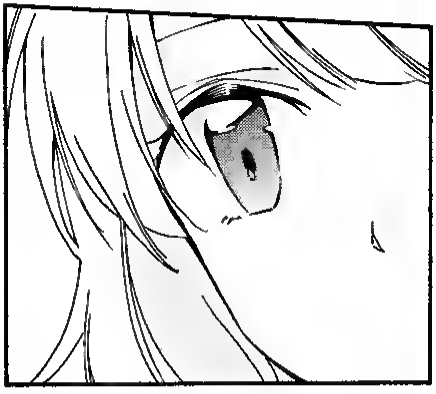
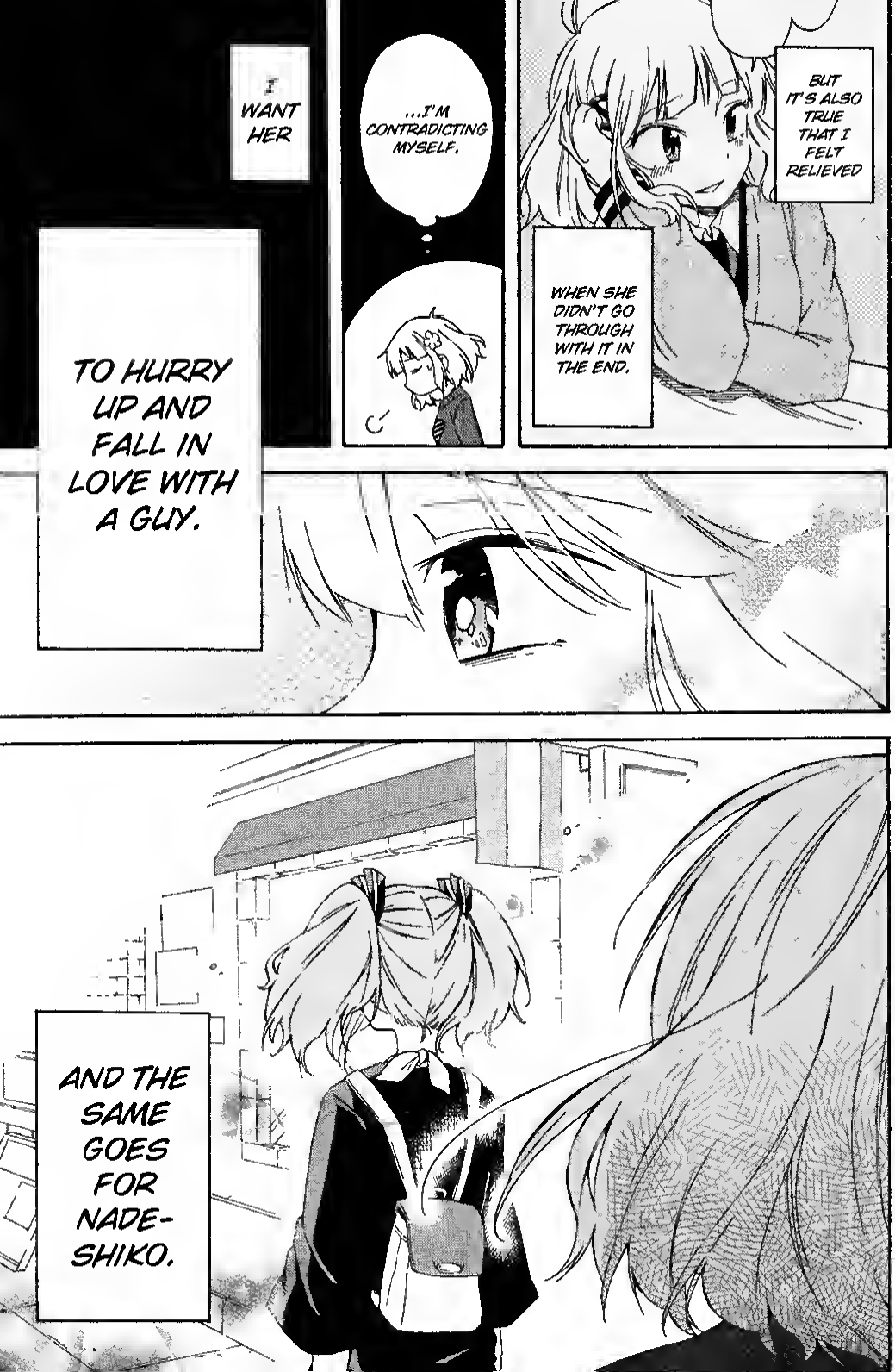
TSU-
KASA,
I KNOW,

THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO FALL IN LOVE WITH A "FRIEND".

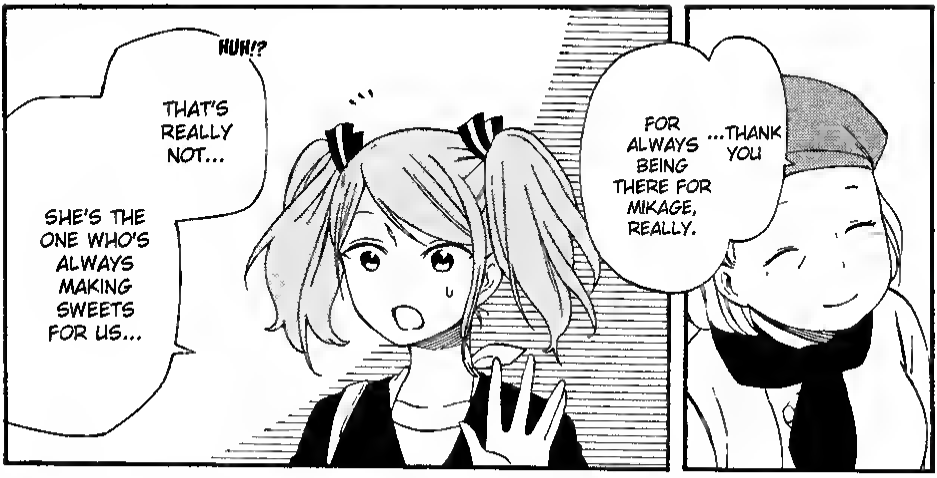


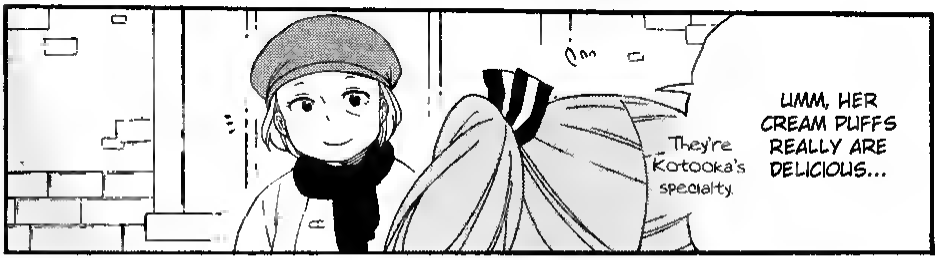





I WANT HER
...I'M CONTRADICTING MYSELF.
BUT IT'S ALSO TRUE THAT I FELT RELIEVED
WHEN SHE DIDN'T GO THROUGH WITH IT IN THE END.
TO HURRY UP AND FALL IN LOVE WITH A GUY.
AND THE SAME GOES FOR NADE-SHIKO.

HUH!? MIKAGE?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO YOUR FRIEND'S BIRTHDAY PARTY?
KOTOOKA
I CAME TO GET HER BIRTHDAY CAKE!!
JUST WAIT THERE A SEC, NADE-SHIKO!
Hello!
AH, NADESHIKO-CHAN!
THANKS FOR HELPING OUT WITH THE CAFE THE OTHER DAY!
MIKAGE SAID SHE WANTS TO DO IT AGAIN WITH EVERYONE...
Don't men-tion it
Stop it, Mom!!
DON'T SAY ANYTHING WEIRD!!
YOU CAN JUST IGNORE HER, NADESNIKO!!
Just hurry up and GO Get the cake.

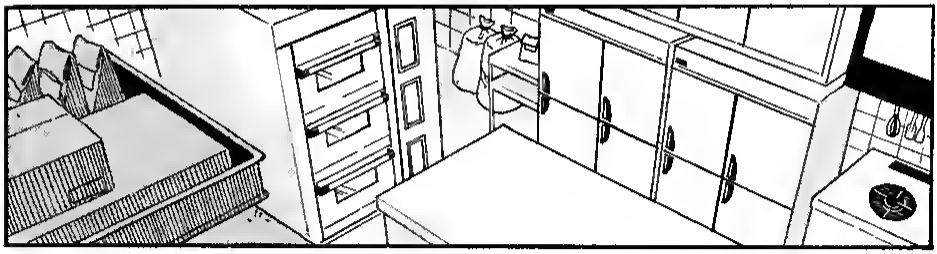

HUH!?
THAT'S REALLY NOT...
SHE'S THE ONE WHO'S ALWAYS MAKING SWEETS FOR US...
...THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING THERE FOR MIKAGE, REALLY.


UMM, HER CREAM PUFFS REALLY ARE DELICIOUS...
They're Kotooka's specialty.

She said that if she was going to do it, she wanted to make things her friends like.
SO SHE PRACTICED MAKING IT A LOT.
BUT TSUKASA-CHAN LIKES CREAM PUFFS, RIGHT?

HUH!?
SHE COULDN'T MAKE ANYTHING TURN OUT WELL BEFORE.
Eh heh heh!
They won't expand at all!
Cream puff dough is so hard!

THAT'S THE KIND OF GIRL
KOTOOKA IS.



I REALIZED NADE-SHIKO'S FEELINGS
JUST RECENT-LY.
JUST LIKE HOW TSU-KASA LOOKS AT NADE-SHIKO,
I FELT LIKE NADE-SHIKO WAS LOOK-ING AT SOME-ONE, TOO.

OUR EYES WOULD OFTEN MEET.

I'M BELOW AVERAGE IN BOTH GRADES AND ATHLETICS... SO THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT ME... THAT WOULD MAKE HER LIKE ME.
IT CAN'T BE...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!!!
She just sensed that I was looking at her, right!?
NO! THERE'S JUST NO WAY!!
Uweh...
Am I being egotistical...!?
AND OBJECTIVELY SPEAKING, I MOVE FROM FROM ONE GUY TO ANOTHER...
Yeah, THERE'S NO WAY.
WHAT IT MEANS
TO CARE FOR SOMEONE
SHIRA-TORI FULLY KNOWS
BUT THAT DAY WHEN WE WERE TALKING ON THE ROOF...
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

HUH!?
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!?
EH!? DOES NADESHIKO KNOW HOW TSUKASA FEELS ABOUT HER!?
COULD THEY ALREADY BE...!?
I HAVE TO SOMEHOW ASK HER INDIRECTLY...
ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE?
AHHHH!! I PRACTICALLY ASKED HER FLAT-OUT!!!
...WHY WOULD YOU ASK ME THAT?
SO THAT'S REALLY HOW IT IS!?
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN GETTING ADVICE FROM TSUKASA
BECAUSE YOU'RE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE!?
AT ANY RATE, I HAVE TO GLOSS OVER IT!!!

I can't believe you're saying stuff like that!
WHEN YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE,
YOU GET HAPPY WHEN YOU LOOK INTO THEIR EYES OR HEAR THEIR VOICE.
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
I NEVER THOUGHT NADESHIKO WOULD SAY STUFF LIKE THAT...
DOES SHE REALLY HAVE FEELINGS FOR TSUKASA...!?
AH,
NO,
LIKE I THO-LIGHT,
WHEN THEY REMEMBER WHAT THINGS YOU LIKE.
IT'S ME.

TSU-
KASA
IS ALWAYS LOOKING AT NADESHIKO LIKE THAT, TOO.
WHY?
GEEZ..
I'M JUST NOT INTER-ESTED.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IT'S ME?
WHY?
NO ONE'S...
EVER LOOKED AT ME LIKE THAT BEFORE...
THAT AGAIN?

CAN'T RESPOND TO NADESHIKO'S FEELINGS.
BUT I
SHE MIGHT END UP TURNING TOWARDS TSUKASA.
... HUH? BUT IN THAT CASE,
I DON'T WANT THAT !!!
DO TSUKASA AND NADESHIKO KNOW HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT EACH OTHER!?
IN FACT...
ARE THINGS GONNA GET MESSED UP NO MATTER WHAT WE DO...!?

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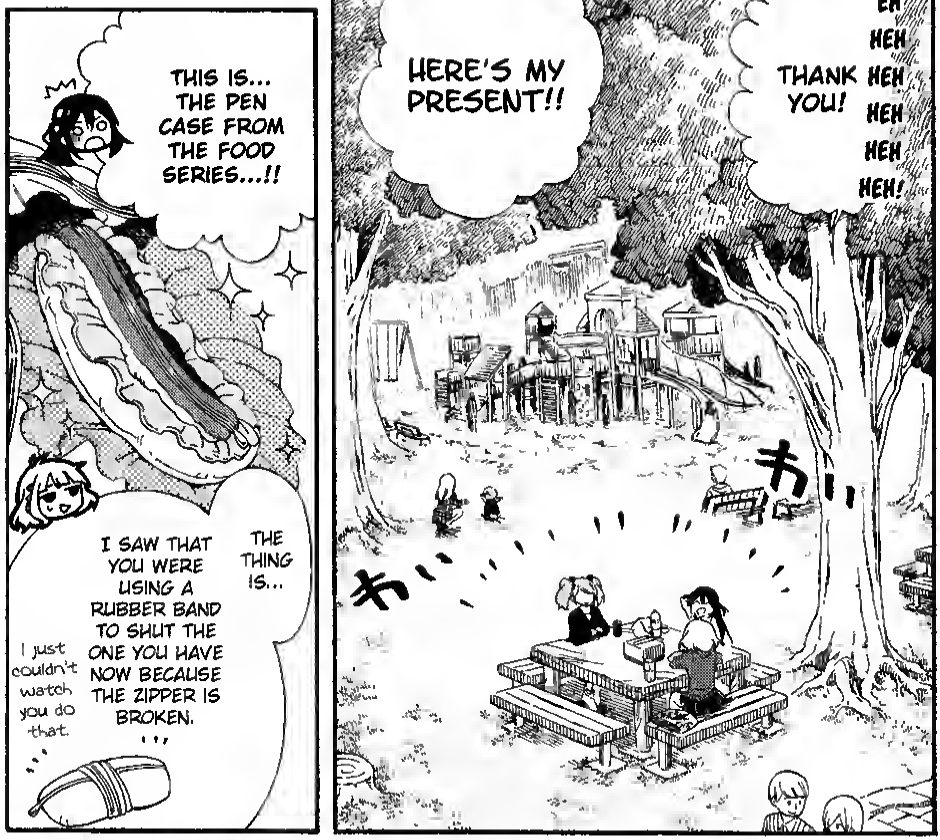
I WANT TO KEEP MAKING
A LOT OF FUN MEMO-RIES...
WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE THREE OF US TO STICK TOGETHER?
HAPPY
BIRTH-DAY!!


THIS IS... THE PEN CASE FROM THE FOOD SERIES...!!
THE THING IS...
I SAW THAT YOU WERE USING A RUBBER BAND TO SHUT THE ONE YOU HAVE NOW BECAUSE THE ZIPPER IS BROKEN.
I just couldn't watch you do that.
HERE'S MY PRESENT!!
EH HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH!
THANK YOU!
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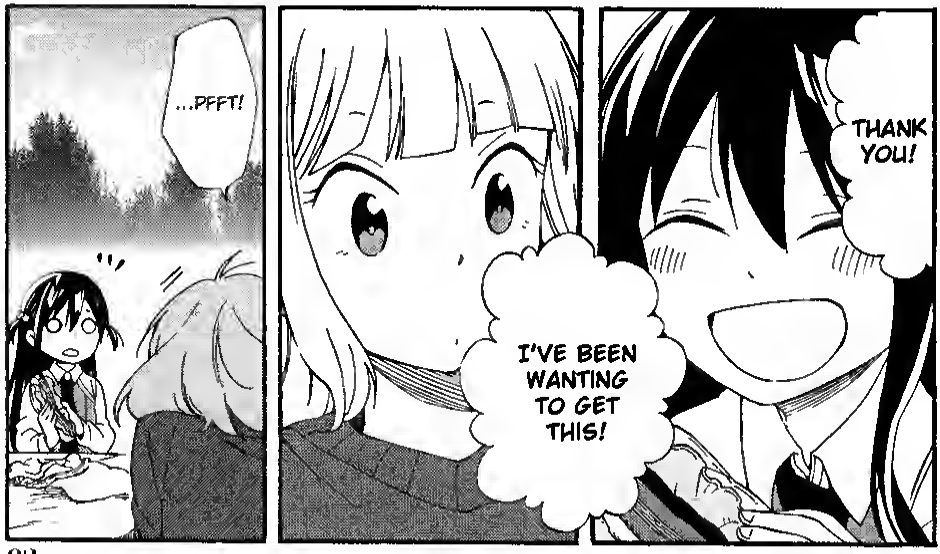
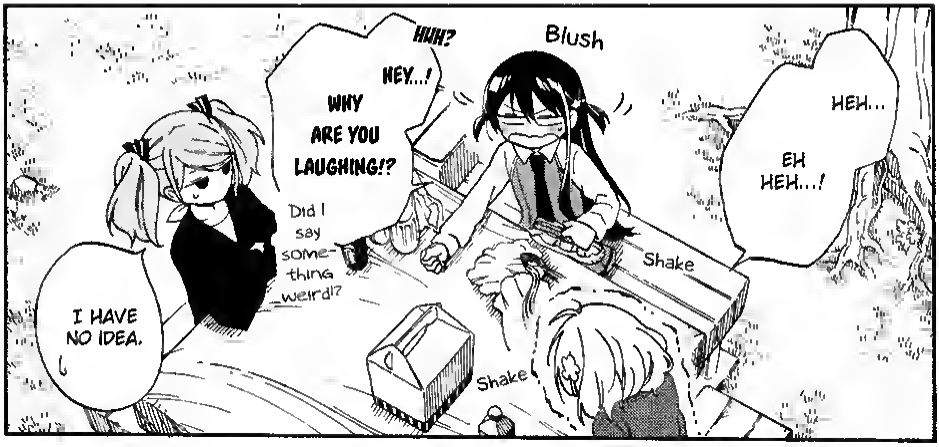
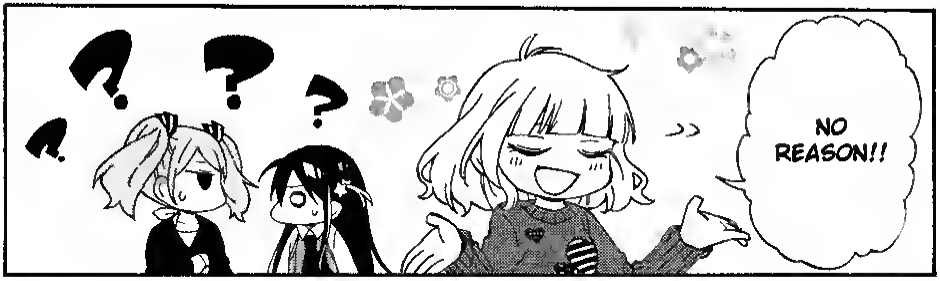

...PFFT!
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO GET THIS!
THANK YOU!


HUH?
Blush
HEY...!
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING!?
Did I say something weird?
I HAVE NO IDEA.
HEH...
EH HEH...!
Shake
Shake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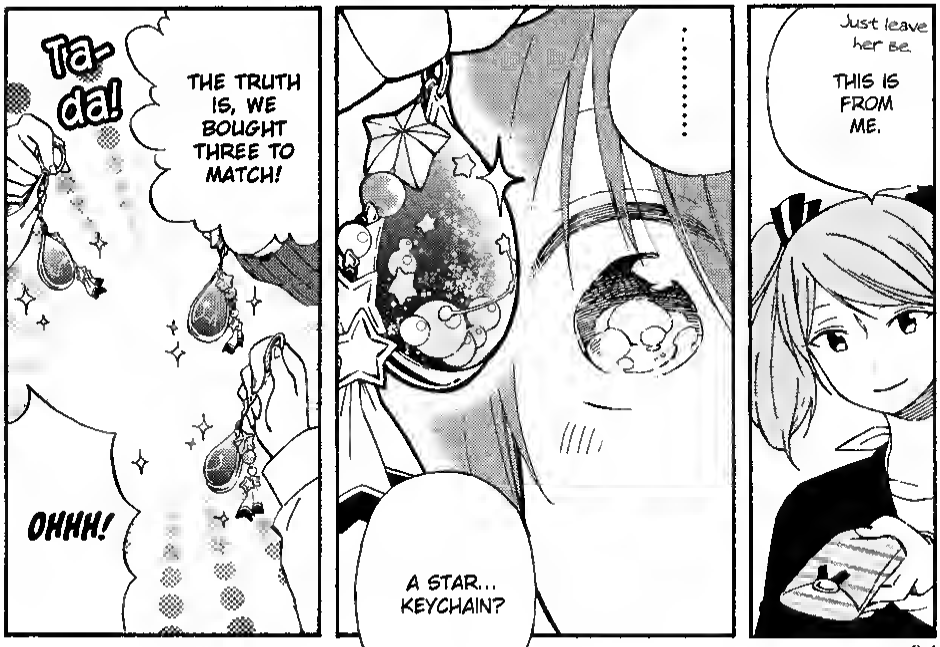
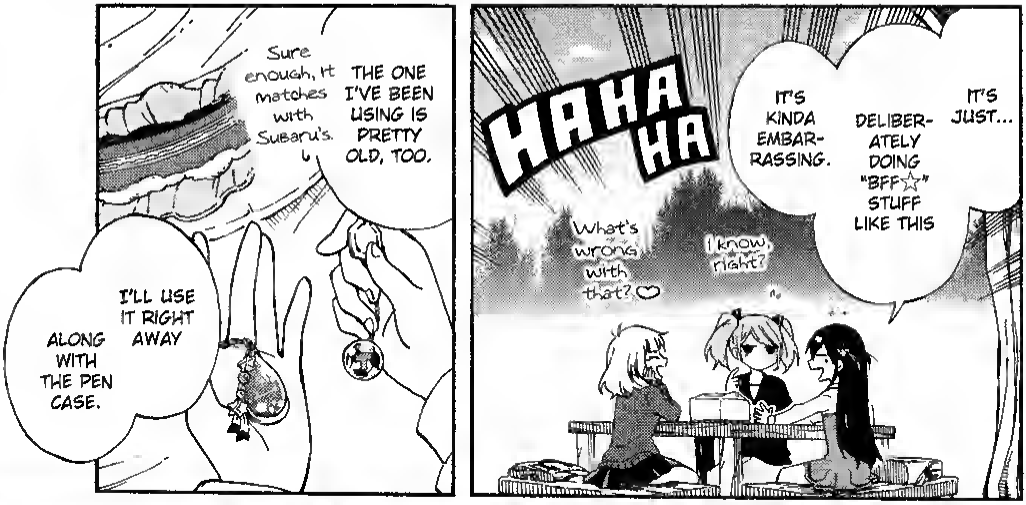
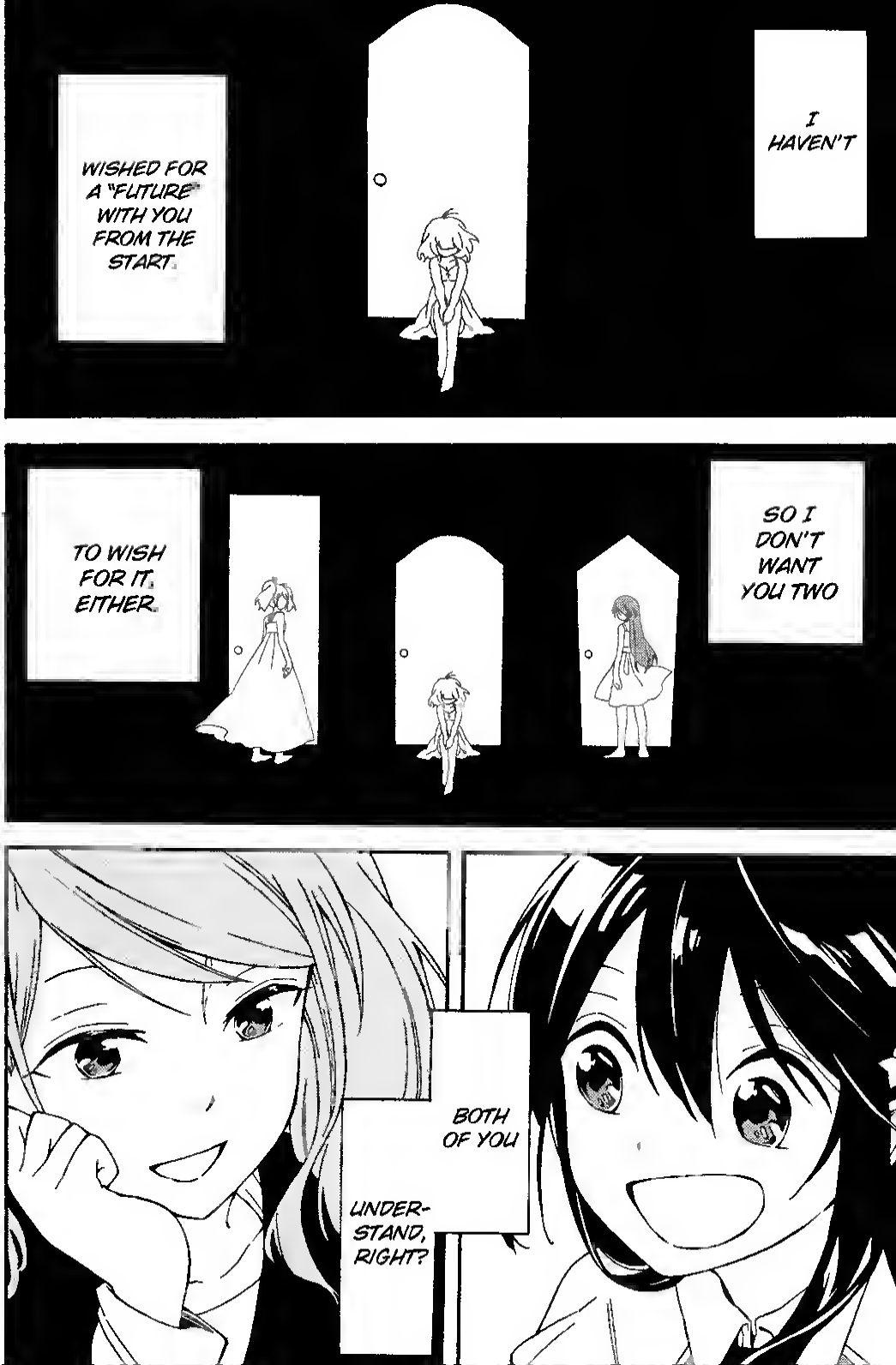

Ta-da!
THE TRUTH IS, WE BOUGHT THREE TO MATCH!
OHHH!
A STAR... KEYCHAIN?
Just leave her be.
THIS IS FROM ME.


Sure enough, it matches with Subaru's.
THE ONE I'VE BEEN USING IS PRETTY OLD, TOO.
I'LL USE IT RIGHT AWAY
ALONG WITH THE PEN CASE.
HAHA HA
What's wrong with that?♡
I know, right?
IT'S KINDA EMBARRASSING.
DELIBERATELY DOING "BFF☆" STUFF LIKE THIS
IT'S JUST...

.....
IT'S SO PRETTY.

YOU KNOW, TSU-KASA,


I HAVEN'T
WISHED FOR A "FUTURE" WITH YOU FROM THE START.
SO I DON'T WANT YOU TWO
TO WISH FOR IT, EITHER.
BOTH OF YOU
UNDER-STAND, RIGHT?

TSU-KASA.
DIDN'T YOU SEE THAT NADESHIKO WAS TRYING TO FIX YOU UP WITH ASAKURA-KUN?
And he ate so clearly!
くわ
CLENCH
SPARK
SPARK
SPARK
どどーん
NADE-SHIKO.
I'VE ALREADY GIVEN YOU MY ANSWER.
ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
AFTER ALL,
FIND A GUY SHE LIKES,
BUT SHE'LL EVENTUALLY
OVER-FLOWS,
BEFORE IT

WHY NOT JUST GET RID OF IT?

I'M NOT WRONG, AM I?
WE HAVE TO "LIKE" EACH OTHER
WITH THE SAME FEELINGS,
STRENGTH AND WEIGHT...
SO, KOTO-OKA!!
WHAT ABOUT THE CAKE!?

I'M STARVING AFTER ALL THAT SOCCER PRACTICE!!
HUH?
DIDN'T YOU EAT A RICE BALL AND A HOT DOG EARLIER?
LIFT
...AH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
TA-DA!♪
WHAT'S THIS?
Happy Birthday
WHAT?
IT LOOKS LIKE EIGHT CREAM PUFFS FUSED TOGETHER ON THE VERGE OF BECOMING THE KING OF CREAM PUFFS!
ARF!
THIS IS A CREAM PUFF CA...
Tug Tug

ARE YOU OKAY, KOTO-OKA!?
I'm sorry!
Shake
Shake
IT'S JUST A CHIHUA-HUA!
A DOG!!!
KYAAAAA!
AH!
I HATE THEM!!!
A DOG CHASED ME WHEN I WAS A KID...
I'm sorry!
Don't worry abo... Gaaaah!
YOU WERE BAD WITH DOGS?

UWAAA-AAAAA!
KYAA-AAAA!
You two are so noisy.
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...KOTO-OKA.
IT HAPP-ENED AGAIN.
SORRY ABOUT THAT, TSUKASA!
...OH WELL!
SEE?

Bite
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT
WANTING TO MAKE HER HAPPY.
.....
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TSUKASA!?
Stop it!
THAT'S DIRTY!
THE STUFF ON THE TOP IS STILL TOTALLY FINE.
Chew
YOU HAVE TOO STRONG OF AN APPETITE...!
BUT YOU WENT TO ALL THE TROUBLE OF MAKING IT FOR ME.

IT REALLY IS DELI-CIOUS!!
THANKS, KOTOOKA!

THEN DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL MAKE IT AGAIN SOON?
Kyaa!
NOT YOU TOO, NADESHIKO!! YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE TO EAT IT...
THIS IS GREAT.
Isn't it?
BITE
Ah!
GOOD IDEA!!
MAKE IT AGAIN, KOTOOKA!
MY SECRET
IS THAT I KNOW BOTH OF THEIR SECRETS.

WHAT IS SOMEONE LIKE ME
TO BOTH OF THEM?
...I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE.
THEIR "FRIEND"?
AM I STUPID OR SOMETHING?

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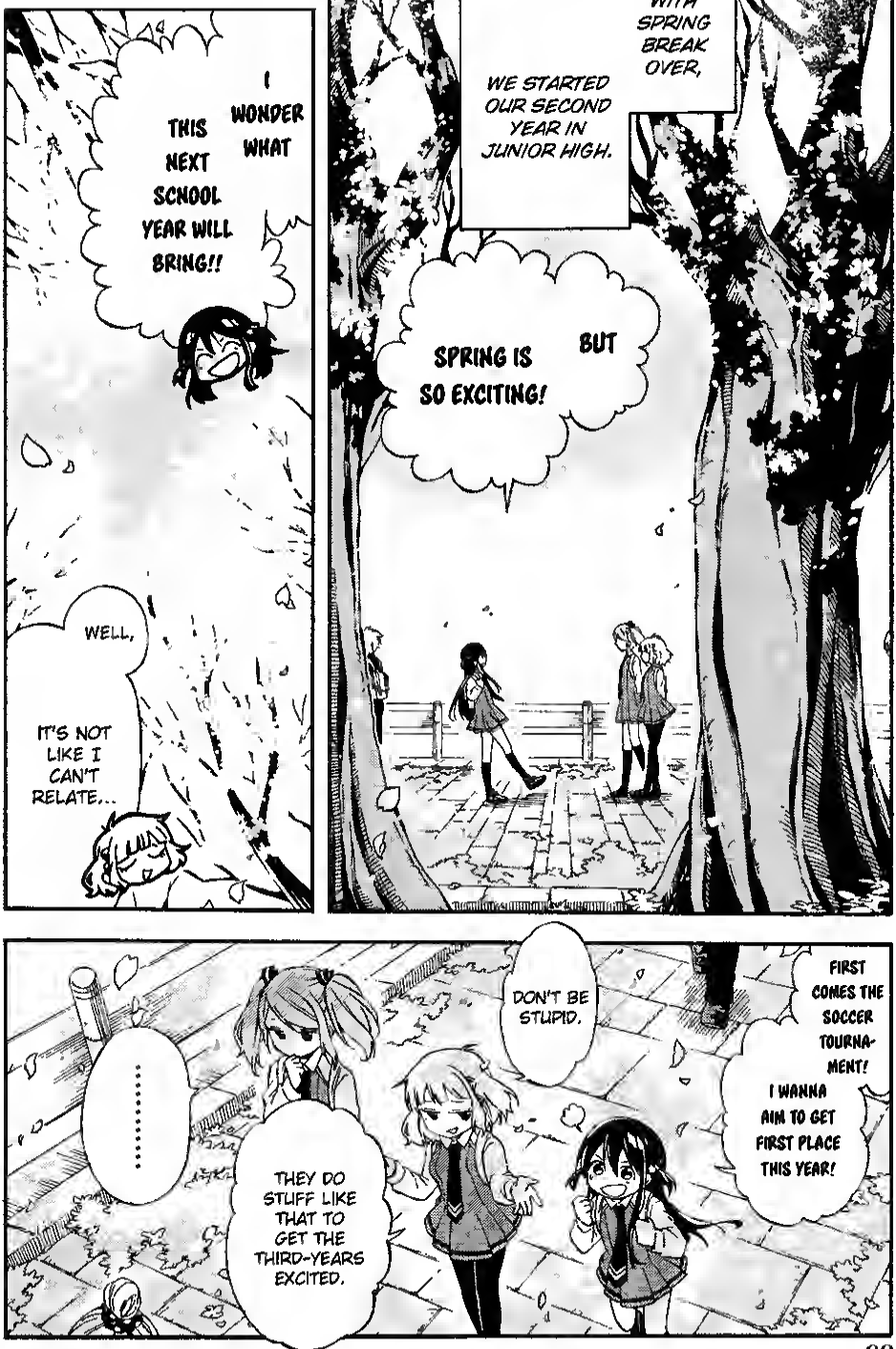
Wow!
THE CHERRY BLOSSOMS ARE SO AMAZING!
TSU-KASA,
YOU'RE BEING TOO LOUD!
YOU'RE GONNA STARTLE THE NEW STUDENTS.


WITH SPRING BREAK OVER,
WE STARTED OUR SECOND YEAR IN JUNIOR HIGH.
BUT SPRING IS SO EXCITING!
I WONDER WHAT THIS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WILL BRING!!
WELL, IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T RELATE...
FIRST COMES THE SOCCER TOURNAMENT!
I WANNA AIM TO GET FIRST PLACE THIS YEAR!
DON'T BE STUPID.
THEY DO STUFF LIKE THAT TO GET THE THIRD-YEARS EXCITED.
.....

FIRST COMES THE BODY MEASURE-MENTS.
Kyaaa!
STOP IT!!
AND THEN COME THE PROFICIENCY TESTS.
Waaa!
CUT IT OUT!!
I WASN'T ABLE TO LOSE ANY WEIGHT OVER SPRING BREAK IN THE END...
YOU'RE STILL GROWING, SO THAT'S NATURAL.
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!!

STARTING TODAY,
ANOTHER NEW YEAR BEGINS.
Ding
Dong
Ding
Dong
AH!
THE BELL!!
Let's GO!

CH. 8 ★ COMMITTEE

Waaaa!!
2-B
Clamor
Clamor
...WELL THEN,
LET'S LEAVE THE GREETINGS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AT THAT,
AND MOVE ON TO DECIDING WHO'S GOING TO BE ON WHICH COMMITTEE.
Let's go for the athletics committee!!
What do you want to do?
WHAT SHOULD WE GO WITH?
M...
NEXT,
WHO WANTS TO BE ON THE NEWS COMMITTEE?
NEWS
(for 3 people)
Who wants to be on the health committee?
ME!
IT EVEN REQUIRES THREE PEOPLE!
WHAT ABOUT THE NEWS COMMITTEE?

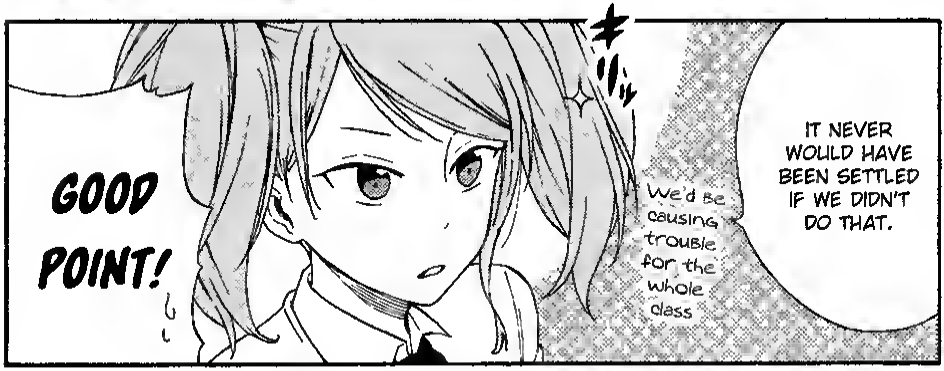
YOU TOO, KASHIWAGI...?
ME.
Well, you have a point, but...
WHAT?
I'M FREE TO CHOOSE WHICH ONE I WANT TO DO.
WHISPER
...WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I GUESS WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
WHISPER

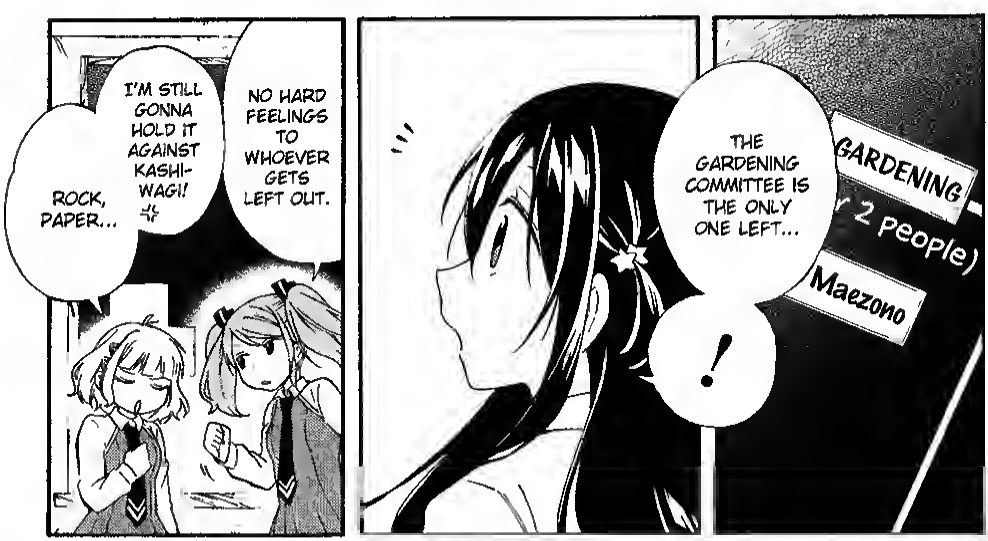
KASHI-WAGI-KUN!♡
THE THREE OF US WANT TO BE TOGE-THER!♡
SO IF YOU COULD JUST TAKE A HINT,
I'D RATHER NOT.
WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THAT FOR YOU GUYS?
TAKE A HINT, MY ASS.
You're so annoying!

KASHI-WAGI!!!!
CALM DOWN!!
I'M SORRY.
WE'LL DECIDE WITH ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS.
Please do

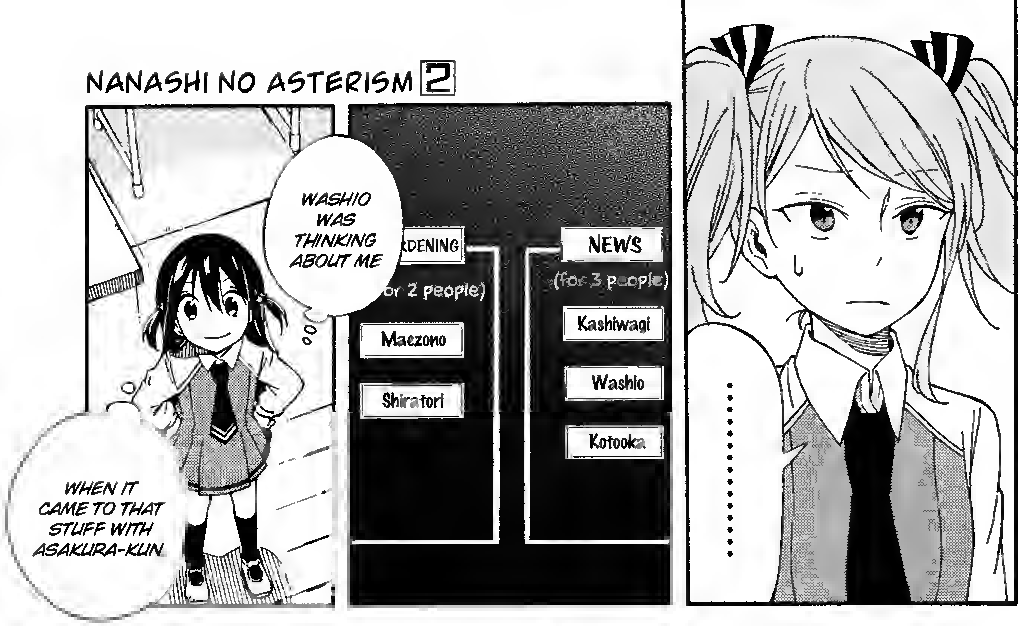
WASHIO
KOTOOKA
KASHIWAGI
SHIRATORI

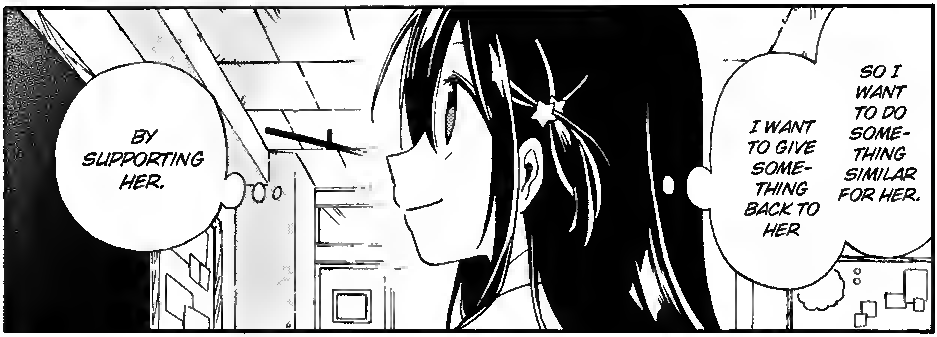
THAT'S ONE OF THE POSITIONS FOR KASHIWAGI.
NEWS
Kashiwagi
ぎゃあ
ぎゃあ
NOW ONE OF US IS DEFINITELY GONNA BE ON A DIFFERENT COMMITTEE!!
THIS HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU SUGGESTED WE DO ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS!!
you two are so noisy

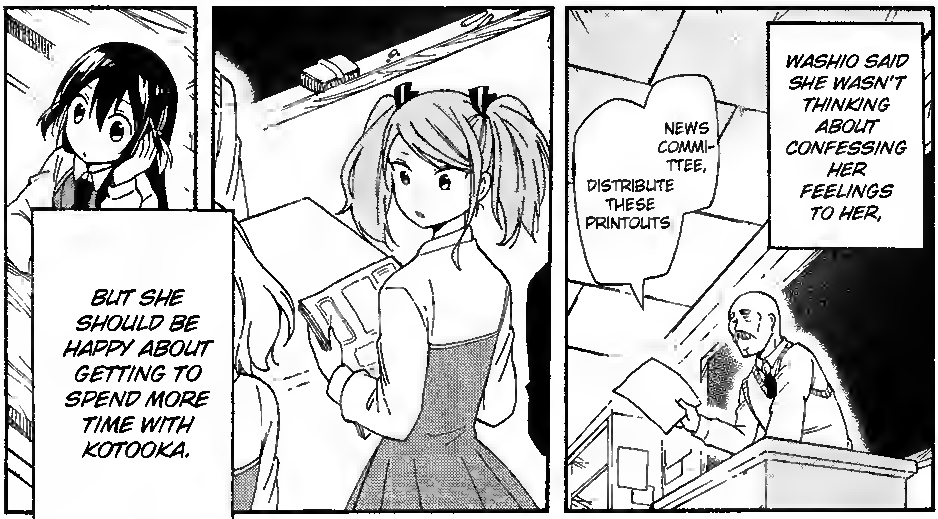

IT NEVER WOULD HAVE BEEN SETTLED IF WE DIDN'T DO THAT.
We'd be causing trouble for the whole class
GOOD POINT!


THE GARDENING COMMITTEE IS THE ONLY ONE LEFT...
!
GARDENING
r 2 people)
Maezono
NO HARD FEELINGS TO WHOEVER GETS LEFT OUT.
I'M STILL GONNA HOLD IT AGAINST KASHI-WAGI!
ROCK, PAPER...

HUH?
I'LL DO IT!
I'LL BE ON THE GARDENING COMMITTEE!!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, TSUKASA?
WELL...TO BE HONEST, I'D RATHER BE PLAYING AROUND IN THE DIRT OUTSIDE THAN MAKING A NEWSPAPER.
PLAYING AROUND IN THE DIRT?
SO,
HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT WHO'S DOING WHAT IN THE END?
YES!
I'LL BE ON THE GARDEN-ING COMMIT-TEE!
AH!
EHHH?
BUT...
WE CAN BE ON THE SAME COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER!!
SO YOU TWO SHOULD GO BE ON THE NEWS COMMITTEE FOR NOW!
With Kashiwagi


WASHIO WAS THINKING ABOUT ME
WHEN IT CAME TO THAT STUFF WITH ASAKURA-KUN
KDENING
or 2 people)
Maezono
Shiratori
NEWS
(for 3 people)
Kashiwagi
Washio
Kotooka

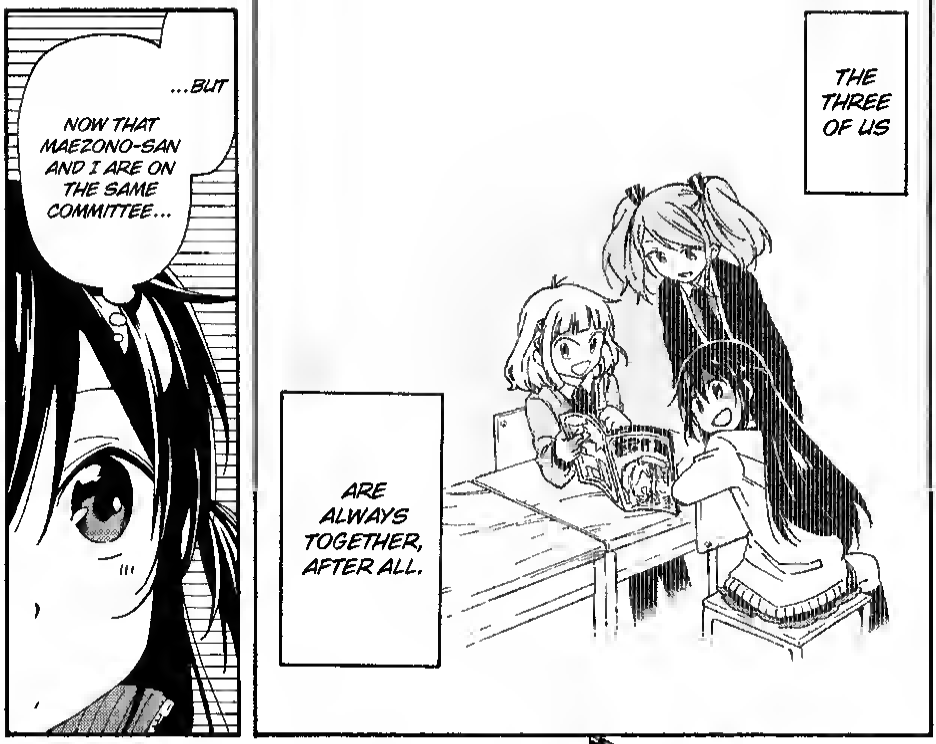

BY SUPPORTING HER.
I WANT TO GIVE SOME-THING BACK TO HER
SO I WANT TO DO SOME-THING SIMILAR FOR HER.


BUT SHE SHOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT GETTING TO SPEND MORE TIME WITH KOTOOKA.
NEWS COMMI-TTEE, DISTRIBUTE THESE PRINTOUTS
WASHIO SAID SHE WASN'T THINKING ABOUT CONFESSING HER FEELINGS TO HER,

I JUST
WANT WASHIO TO BE HAPPY.
I'M THE ONLY ONE
WHO CAN DO THAT FOR HER, AFTER ALL!

THIS IS PRETTY EASY!
!
Fertil izer
TOSS
バサバサ
It's pretty windy! ι
UMM,
SO MOST OF WHAT THE GARDENING CLUB DOES IS MAINTAIN THE FLOWER BEDS?
STOP, SHIRA-TORI-SAN!!!
WHOA!
SO YOU HAVE TO USE A LITTLE BIT...
THE ROOTS OF THESE FLOWERS TEND TO BE WEAK TO FERTILIZER...
HUH!?
S...SO THERE ARE FLOWERS LIKE THAT, TOO...
YOU SURE KNOW A LOT, MAEZONO-SAN.

I'VE BEEN ON THE GARDENING COMMITTEE SINCE GRADE SCHOOL...
REALLY!
DO YOU LIKE FLOWERS?
Ah!
SHE SMILED.
YEAH!
COME TO THINK OF IT,
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN THE SAME CLASS, I'VE NEVER TALKED TO MAEZONO-SAN BEFORE.
My morning glories would wither right away, so my observation journal would always end halfway through
There's always at least someone like that
IN FACT,
I GUESS THERE ARE... SEVERAL PEOPLE LIKE THAT.


THE THREE OF US
ARE ALWAYS TOGETHER, AFTER ALL.
...BUT NOW THAT MAEZONO-SAN AND I ARE ON THE SAME COMMITTEE...
I CAN TAKE THIS CHANCE TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH HER...
COME TO THINK OF IT!?
Slap
ビュオオオ
Waaa!
WH...WHAT THE...!? THE WIND BLEW AWAY SOME TOWELS...
THESE TOWELS REALLY STINK!!!
WHY ARE THERE SO MANY STINKY TOWELS ...!?
SHUT UP, SHIRATORI!

KASHIWAGI!!
THEY'RE HAND TOWELS FROM THE KENDO CLUB!
I was gonna dry them out when they blew away!
Like just out of the bath
Those towels you wrap around your head?
WHOA!
THEY SMELL LIKE SWEAT!
むわあ…
ARE YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT WITH ME, SHIRATORI!?
JUST HELP ME PICK THEM UP.
EHH...?

KOU-CHAN...?
!!
KOU-CHAN... THEY'RE OVER HERE, TOO...
UM... U...
I TOLD YOU TO STOP CALLING ME THAT!!

WHA...!?
KA-KASHI-WAGI!!
SHE PICKED IT UP FOR YOU, SO WHAT'S WITH THAT ATTITUDE!?
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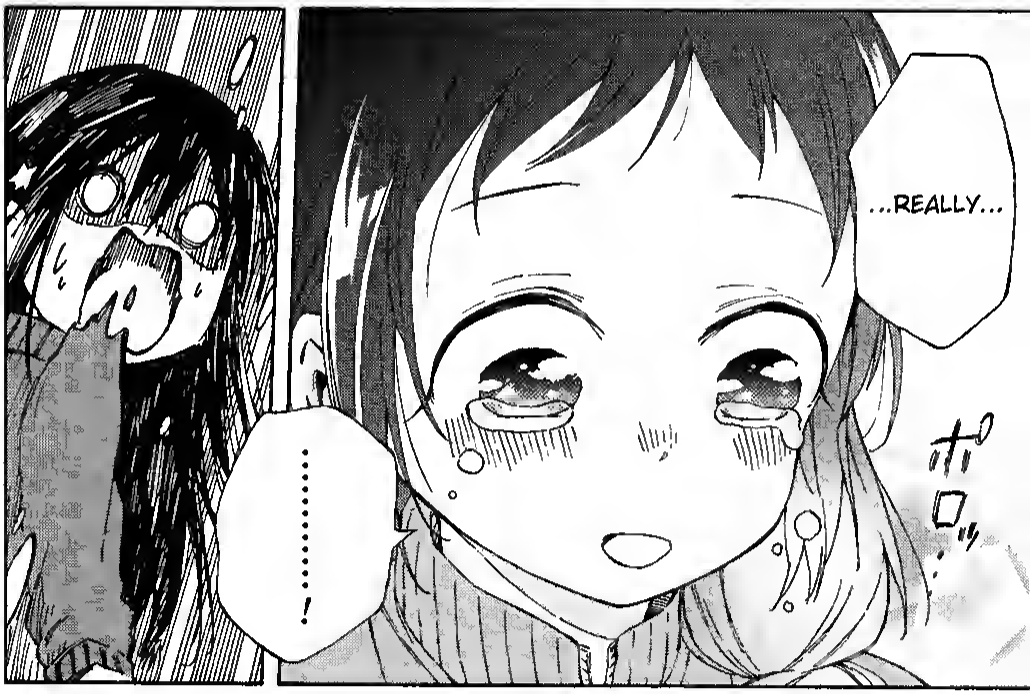
SAY YOU'RE SORRY!
IT'S OKAY, SHIRATORI-SAN!
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME...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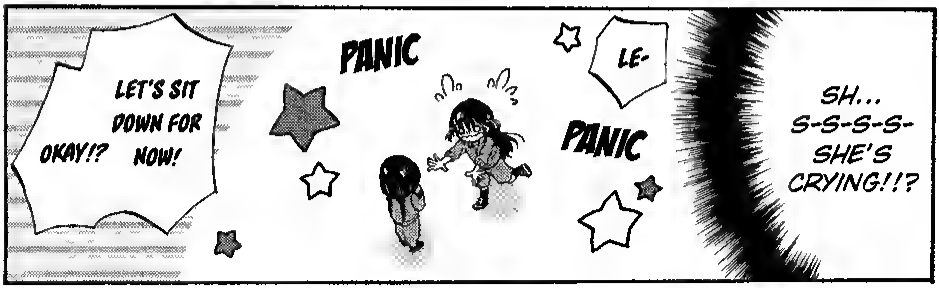
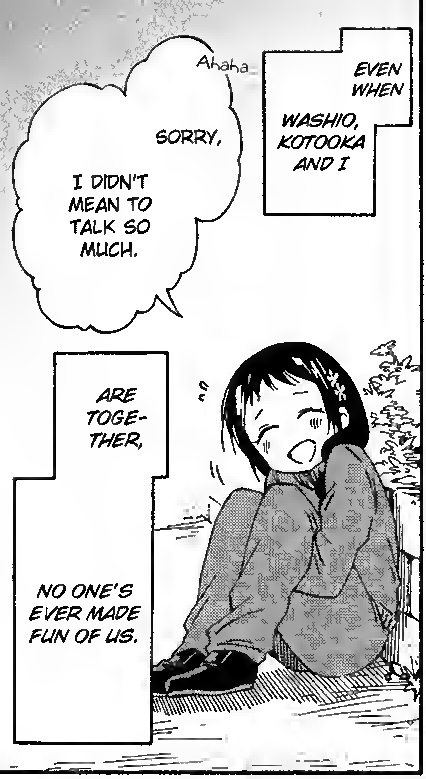

SH... S-S-S-S-SHE'S CRYING!!?
LE-
PANIC
PANIC
LET'S SIT DOWN FOR NOW!
OKAY!?

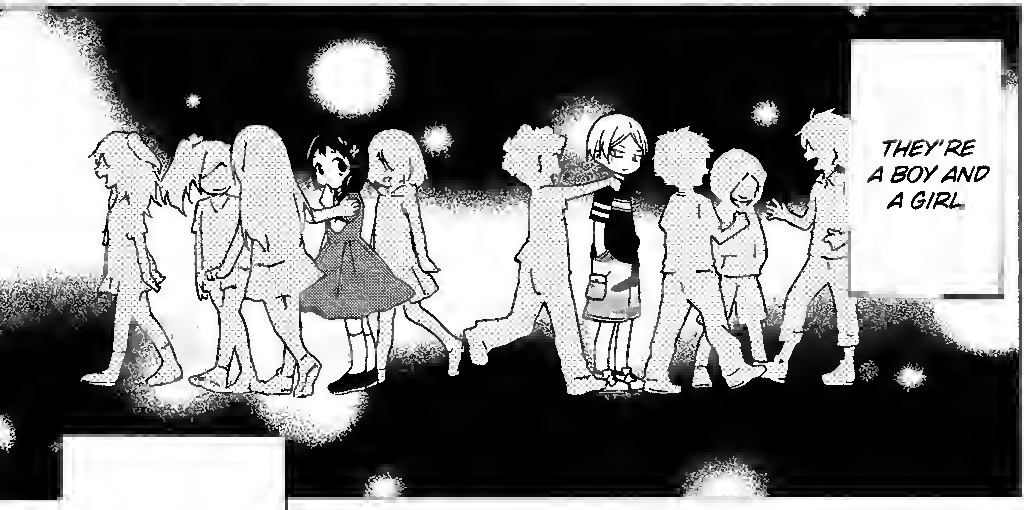
YOU'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?
WE LIVE NEXT TO EACH OTHER...
AND WE USED TO PLAY A LOT TOGETHER.
I HAD NO IDEA...
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU TWO TALK TO EACH OTHER...
Are you okay now?
Yeah, I'm fine.
THAT'S ...
HOW IT IS NOW.
I'VE ALWAYS CALLED HIM KOU-CHAN...
NAME KOUSEI KASHIWAGI
KASHIWAGI-KUN IS REALLY NICE.
STOP THROWING AROUND A BALL NEAR THE FLOWER BEDS!
THE TEACHER SAID YOU SHOULDN'T, TOO!!
WAAAA!
WE JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE NO ONE FINDS OUT!!
No where else was open, so we have no choice!
WAAAA!

Snap
CLICK
CLICK
KA... KASHI-WAGI!?
WHY ARE YOU TAKING A PICTURE ...!?
FOR EVIDENCE.
Y-YOU'LL GET IN TROUBLE, TOO!
USING A PHONE AT SCHOOL LIKE THAT. .
MINE IS A NECESSARY EVIL.
YOU WANT ME TO SHOW THIS TO THE TEACHER?
KOU-CHAN .. THANKS.
NO BIGGIE.
Damn it!
...ANY-WAY,
I DON'T MIND.. HELPING YOU WATER THE PLANTS..

...OKAY!!
...AND SO,
HE ALWAYS USED TO HELP ME CARE FOR THE FLOWERS.
.....!
EHHH!?
WOW...!
I CAN'T IMAGINE KASHIWAGI DOING THAT NOW...!
So he does have some good points..!!

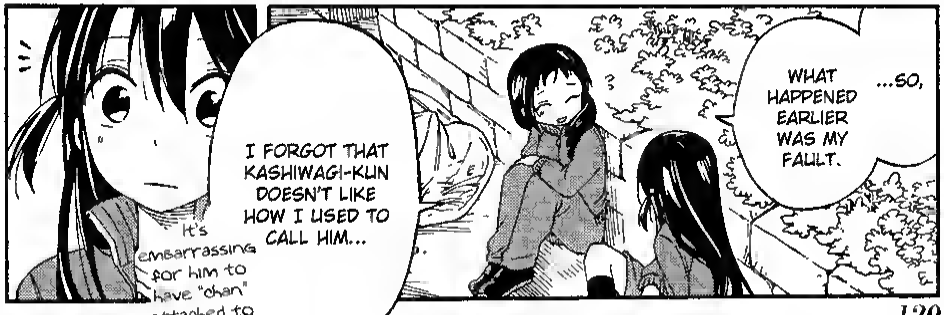
BUT...
AS WE GREW UP, PEOPLE AROUND US
STARTED MAKING FUN OF US WHENEVER WE WERE TOGETHER...
SO WE EACH STARTED SPENDING MORE TIME
WITH FRIENDS OF THE SAME SEX...





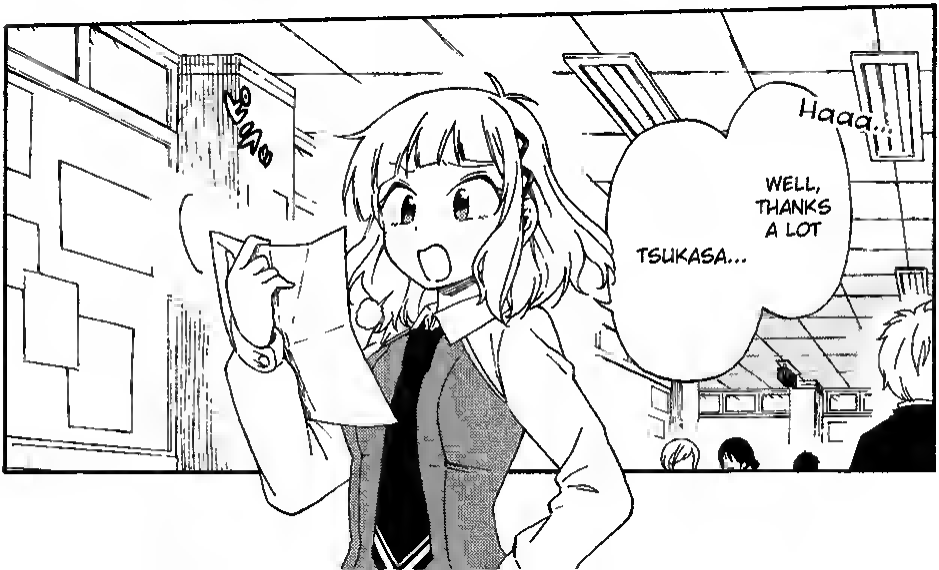
SO THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THEY CAN'T BE TOGETHER...

THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME
I FELT HAPPY THAT WE'RE ALL GIRLS.


!!!
I FORGOT THAT KASHIWAGI-KUN DOESN'T LIKE HOW I USED TO CALL HIM...
It's embarrassing for him to have "chan" attached to his name.
?
WHAT HAPPENED EARLIER WAS MY FAULT.
...SO,

DO YOU LIKE KASHIWAGI-KUN?
MAEZONO-SAN
IF JUST THAT MADE HER CRY...
BUT...
Whoa!
MAEZONO-SAN!!
YOU'RE TNROWING WORMS AROUND!
Th_T_T_T_T_T_T_T_T_T_T_T_That's...
HOW ABOUT WE STOP REFERRING TO EACH OTHER WITH "SAN"?
GIRLS I'M CLOSE WITH CALL ME "MAE-CHIN".
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
A... A-A-A-ANY-WAY !!!
OH YEAH!! NOW THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME COMMITTEE...

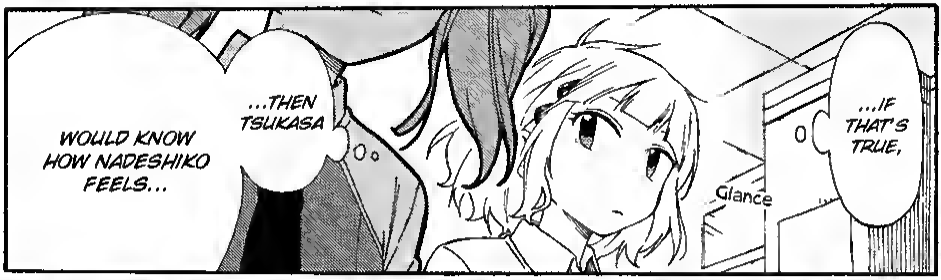
MOST OF MY FRIENDS DON'T USE HONORIFICS!!
I-I don't know about not using honorifics
THEN... CAN I CALL YOU TORI-CHAN?
TORI-CHAN!?
No one's ever called me that before.


Haaa...
WELL, THANKS A LOT TSUKASA...

SHE MIGHT NEED IT FOR SOMETHING...
SO I THINK WE SHOULD GIVE IT TO HER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE FORGOT TO GET THE PRINTOUT SHE NEEDS FOR HER COMMITTEE...
Ah, you two! Take this printout to Shiratori for me.
Huh?
Teacher
LET'S JUST WAIT FOR HER TO COME BACK TO THE CLASSROOM.
Geez
YOU'RE SO PROPER, NADE-SHIKO...
GARDENING COMMITTEE

.....
IT'S JUST...
GARDENING COMMITTEE CHECKLIST
In front of the entryway
In front of the

I FEEL LIKE...
TSUKASA HAS BEEN TRYING TO PAIR NADESHIKO UP WITH ME...
WHEN WE DECIDED ON THE COMMITTEES,
AND WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT HER BIRTHDAY,
I WANT YOU TWO TO THROW ME A SURPRISE PARTY!!
WE CAN BE ON THE SAME COMMITTEE FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER!!
SO YOU TWO SHOULD GO BE ON THE NEWS COMMITTEE FOR NOW!!
With Kashiwagi

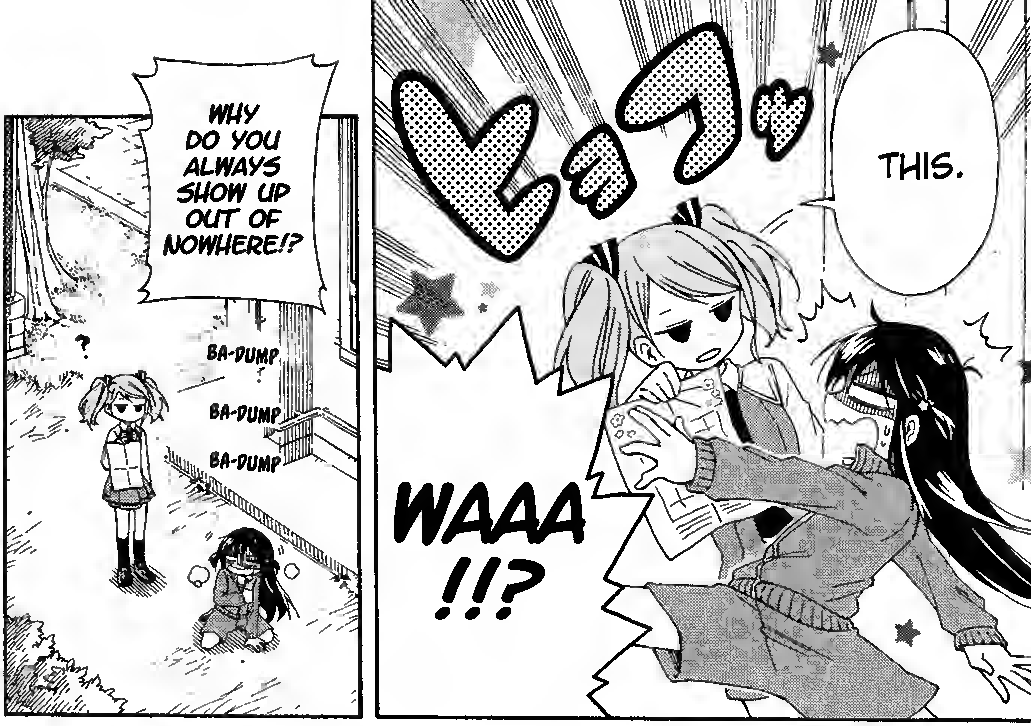

...THEN TSUKASA WOULD KNOW HOW NADESHIKO FEELS...
...IF THAT'S TRUE,
Glance

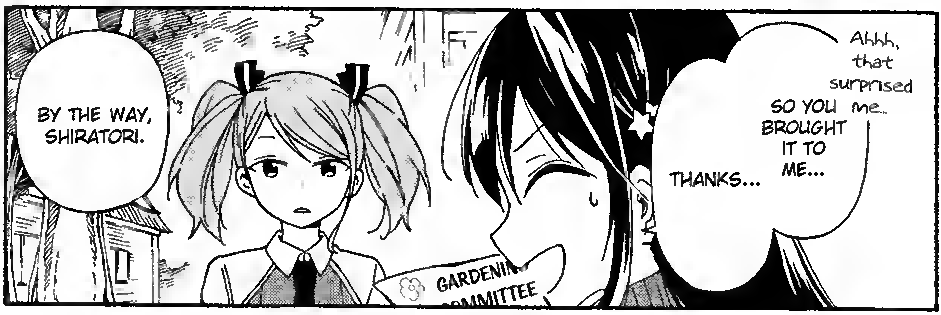
IF NADESHIKO CONFIDED IN HER
AND ASKED TSUKASA TO HELP HER OUT...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD REFUSE...
...IF THAT'S HOW IT IS,

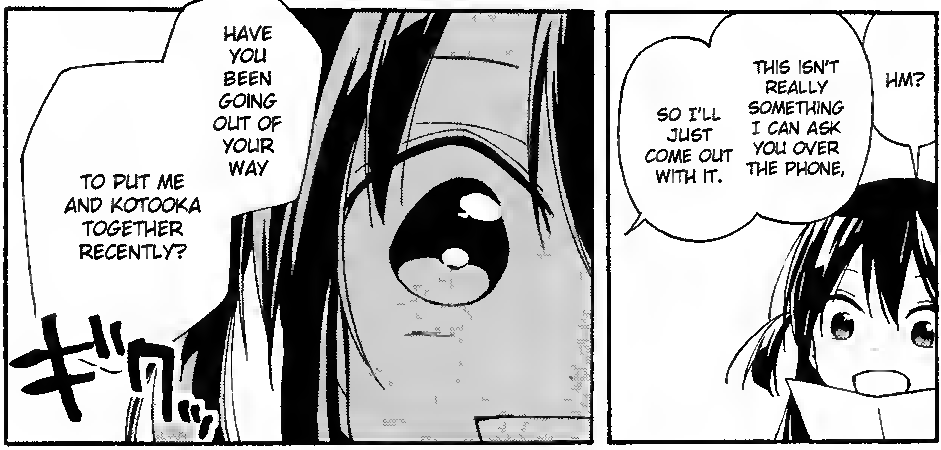
IT WOULD...
ONLY CAUSE PROB-LEMS...
.....
AH!
I GOT CALLED TO THE GUIDANCE COUN-SELOR'S OFFICE!
SO GO TAKE THIS TO HER, NADE-SHIKO!

...WHAT DID YOU DO...?
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!
HE ACCUSED ME OF GETTING A PERM!
Even though my hair is just naturally wavy!
GARDENING COMMITT
Isn't it just that you can't be bothered to do it..?
SHEESH...
Well,
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF THAT!
WELL...
I GUESS THIS IS PERFECT TIMING...
.....

IF NADESHIKO AND TSUKASA...
ARE ALONE TOGETHER,
THEY MIGHT TALK ABOUT SOMETHING...
Whew...
WE'RE DONE!!
I'LL CLEAN UP,
SO CAN YOU GO HAND IN THE CHECKLIST WE WERE ASKED TO DO, TORI-CHAN?
To show that we're done
OKAY!!
...WAIT,
HUH?
WHAT CHECK-LIST...?


WHY DO YOU ALWAYS SHOW UP OUT OF NOWHERE!?
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
WAAA !!?
THIS.


BY THE WAY, SHIRATORI.
GARDENING COMMITTEE
THANKS...
SO YOU BROUGHT IT TO ME...
Ahhh, that surprised me...


HAVE YOU BEEN GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO PUT ME AND KOTOOKA TOGETHER RECENTLY?
ギクッ
SO I'LL JUST COME OUT WITH IT.
THIS ISN'T REALLY SOMETHING I CAN ASK YOU OVER THE PHONE,
HM?

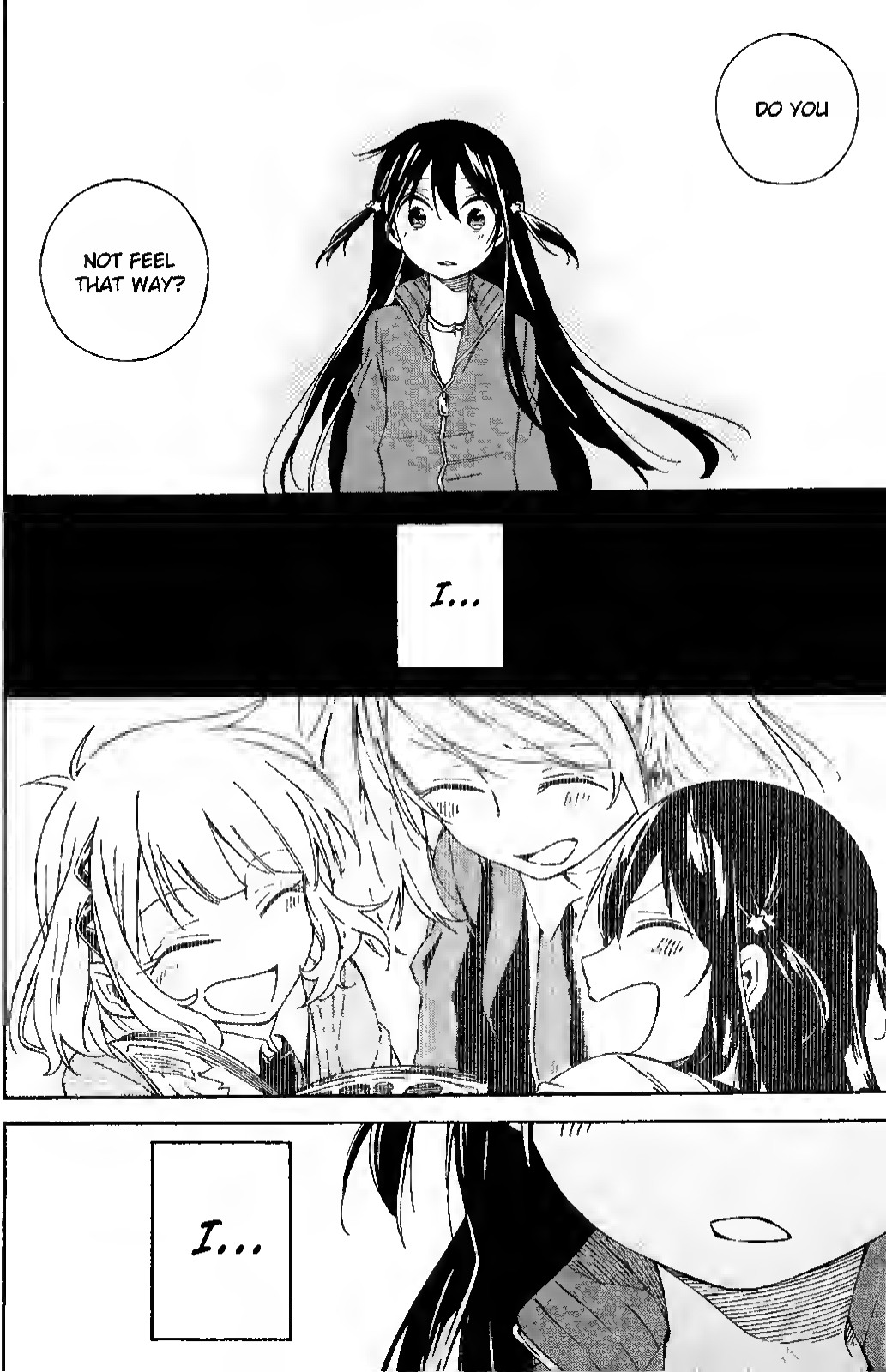
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO DO THAT!
SH...SHE NOTICED...
THAT'S JUST MY WAY OF "SUPPORTING"...
WE-WELL...
WASHIO ... IS MAD...?
...HUH?
WH...

...OH NO,
IT FEELS LIKE... MY VOICE IS GOING TO SHAKE...
BA-DUMP
WHY...?
DID I DO SOME-THIING...?
BA-DUMP
ギュ...
...WHAT'S WITH YOU!?
YOU DID SOMETHING SIMILAR TO ME
WITH ASAKURA-KUN!

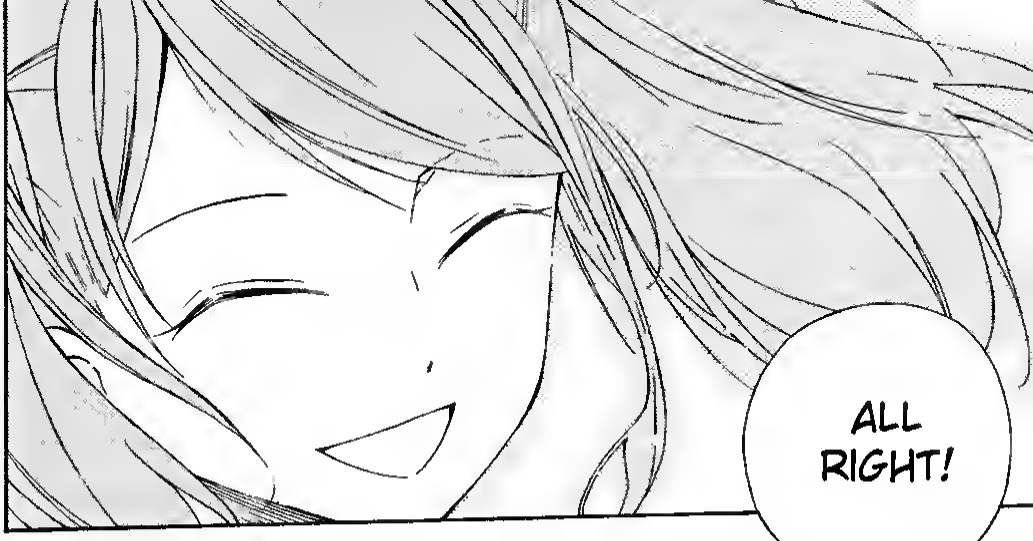
WH-
WHAT AM I SAYING...!?
I'M JUST SNAPPING AT HER FOR GETTING MAD AT ME!!!
WE...
WELL...
!?
BUT THAT'S DIFFERENT!
THIS IS NOTHING LIKE WHAT HAPPENED WITH ASAKURA-KUN!
.....?
DIFFERENT...?

I'M MAD BECAUSE
YOU'RE TRYING TO EXCLUDE YOURSELF ON PURPOSE.
...I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP ME OUT, REALLY,
BUT I DON'T WANT THINGS TO GO IN A DIRECTION LIKE THAT.
THAT WOULDN'T MAKE ME HAPPY.

...I FEEL THE SAME WAY.
THAT YOU WERE EXCITED ABOUT SPRING BECAUSE OF WHAT THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR WILL BRING?
DIDN'T YOU SAY
キュ……
THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO,
LIKE SUMMER VACATION,
THE CULTURAL FESTIVAL, THE FIELD TRIP, AND JUST EVERYDAY LIFE.
I WANT
THE THREE OF US TO HANG OUT TOGETHER.

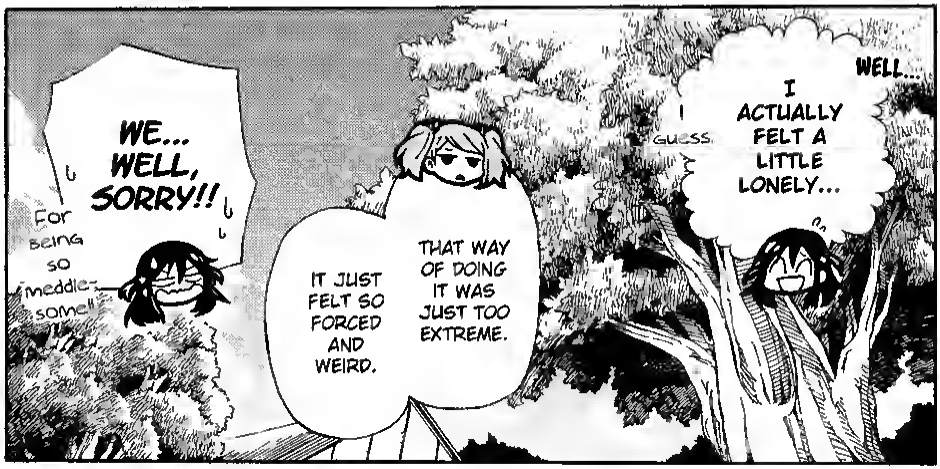

DO YOU
NOT FEEL THAT WAY?
I...
I...

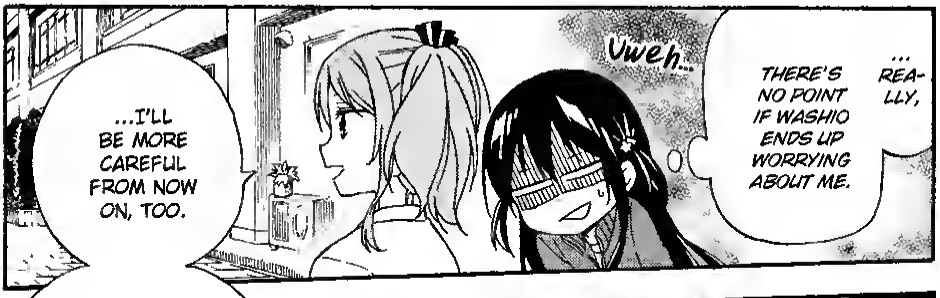
YEAH,
I WANT ALL OF US TO BE TOGETHER.
SHE'S RIGHT.



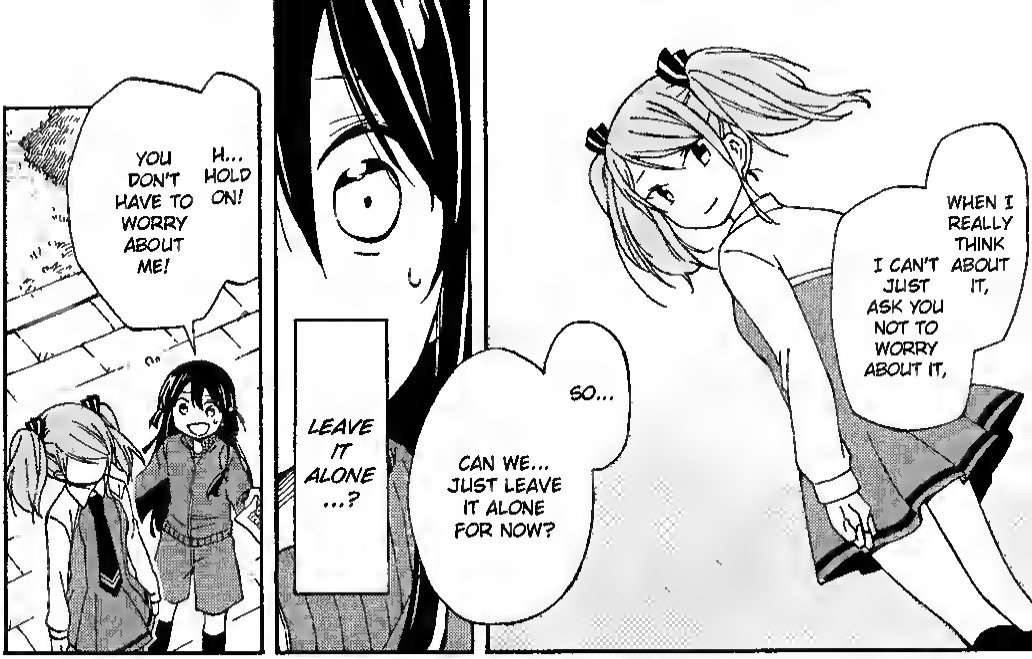
AFTER ALL,

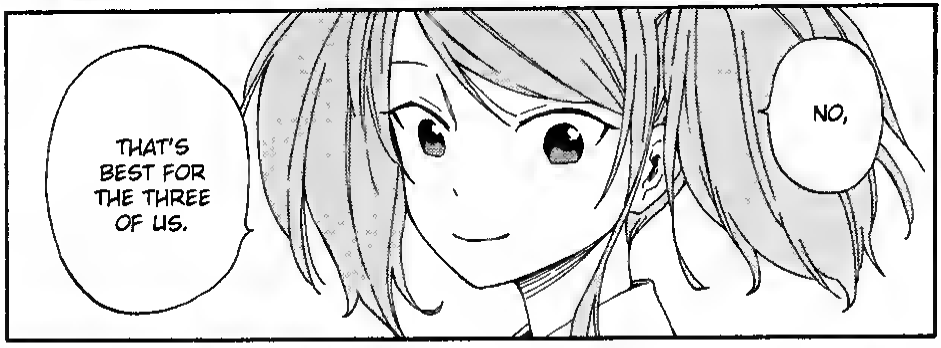
WE CAN BE TOGETHER.


WELL...
I ACTUALLY FELT A LITTLE LONELY...
I GUESS.
THAT WAY OF DOING IT WAS JUST TOO EXTREME.
IT JUST FELT SO FORCED AND WEIRD.
WE... WELL, SORRY!!
For being so meddle-some!!


...REA-LLY,
THERE'S NO POINT IF WASHIO ENDS UP WORRYING ABOUT ME.
Uweh...
...I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON, TOO.

I'LL TRY NOT TO...CONSULT WITH YOU TOO MUCH ABOUT KOTOOKA.
HUH !?


WHEN I REALLY THINK ABOUT IT,
I CAN'T JUST ASK YOU NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT,
SO...
CAN WE... JUST LEAVE IT ALONE FOR NOW?
LEAVE IT ALONE ...?
H... HOLD ON!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ME!


NO,
THAT'S BEST FOR THE THREE OF US.

THE THREE OF US...
.....
ARE YOU...
SURE, WASHIO...?
YEAH,
AND BESIDES, KOTOOKA'S SHARP,
SO DON'T YOU THINK SHE'D SUSPECT SOMETHING IF WE TALK ABOUT THIS TOO MUCH?

I DON'T WANT
TO CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR KOTOOKA.

MUMBLE...
WHAT'S THAT ABOUT ...?
.....
Besides, don't you have to hand in that printout?
Ah!!
IT'S NOT LIKE... THE THREE OF US...
ARE ALWAYS...
TOGETHER...
Clench
GOING TO BE...

NADE-SHIKO...
CAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT
BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING...
ズル...
...AT THIS RATE,
MAYBE THINGS... WOULD WORK OUT...
IF ALL OF US KNEW EVERYTHING...

OR AM I GOING TO DO
THE SAME THING OVER AGAIN?
.....

LIBRARY
WHY...
DO I HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS...?
Brush
Brush
AH,
ARE YOU THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEMBER FROM CLASS 6?
Haaaa...

I'M KYOUSUKE ASAKURA
FROM CLASS 1 ON THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.
I LOOK FORWARD TO BEING ON DUTY WITH YOU THIS SEMESTER!

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~sweeter than honey~
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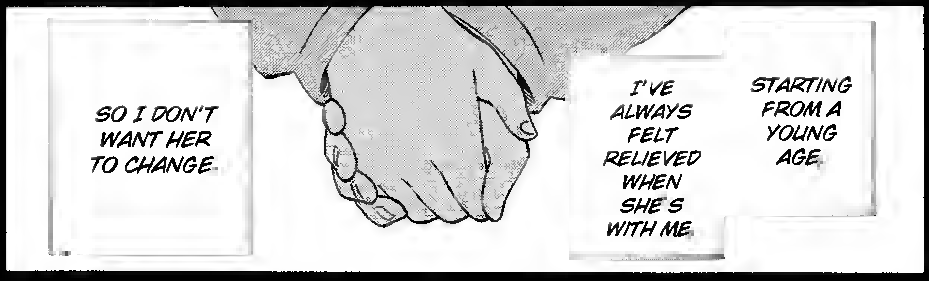
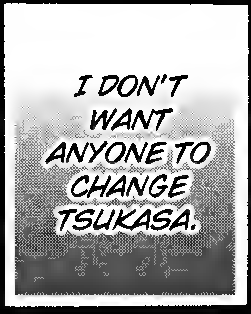
CH. 9
HA HA HA HA HA!
CHIGNON YELLOW HAS ARRIVED!
Stare
AH!
PEEK
You can't even climb up on top!
Don't stand out more than Red!
TSUKASA-CHAN!!
THAT'S DANGEROUS, SO DON'T LET GO OF IT!!
Shake
Shake
.....!
We're playing Chignon Rangers!
DO YOU WANNA DO IT TOO SUBARU?

WHAT!?
I'M JUST BUSY PROVIDING SHADE FOR THE ANTS.
IT'S NOT THAT
Geez!
YOU STILL CAN'T TALK WITH THE OTHERS?
YOU'LL HAVE MORE FUN PLAYING WITH EVERYONE!
LET'S PLAY TOGETHER!
TSUKASA IS MY HERO.

...OKAY!

WAAAAA!
Subaru-kun spoke!!
Okay
You can be Chignon Green!!


SO I DON'T WANT HER TO CHANGE.
I'VE ALWAYS FELT RELIEVED WHEN SHE'S WITH ME.
STARTING FROM A YOUNG AGE.


I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO CHANGE TSUKASA.

CH. 9 ★ HERO (PART 1)

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WITH KYOUSUKE ASAKURA SINCE THEN, RIGHT?

...YOU'RE BRINGING THAT UP AGAIN?
THE DAYS FOR MY MORNING PRACTICES CHANGED IN APRIL, SO I DON'T SEE HIM WHEN I'M OUT JOGGING ANYMORE,
AND I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT HE HASN'T TRIED TO CONTACT ME.
Stare...

HEY, YOU TWO!
Ah!
I WANT TO STIR THE NATTO.
YOU SURE DO LOVE THIS...
For some reason.
... THEN,
THAT'S FINE...
Whew.
MONSTER SQUAD CURSE RANGERS SAUSAGES.
Ah,
I RAN OUT OF CONDITIONER!
WHAT, MOM?
I'M GOING SHOPPING TODAY, BUT DO YOU NEED ANYTHING?
IF I COLLECT ALL THE STICKERS IT COMES WITH,
I CAN GET A T-SHIRT.
I even get to pick the color.
Huh..?
AGAIN?

TSUKASA WAS WHAT YOU'D CALL A BOYISH GIRL.
AS USUAL,
YOU'RE STILL INTO THAT STUFF, TOO.
I used to like it too, though.
AND SHE LIKED PRETENDING SHE WAS A SUPERHERO INSTEAD OF A PRINCESS.
SHE LIKED THINGS THAT WERE COOL INSTEAD OF CUTE.
SHARED EVERYTHING.
SHE AND I

TSUKASA GOT HER HAIR CUT WHEN WE STARTED GRADE SCHOOL,
SO SHE LOOKED EVEN MORE LIKE ME.
BUT ONE DAY WHEN WE WERE IN FOURTH GRADE...
I'M GONNA GROW OUT MY HAIR STARTING TODAY!!
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
Soccer player
A GUY IN MY CLASS HAS SHOES WITH ○○'S AUTOGRAPH ON THEM,
BUT HE SAID HE'D GIVE THEM TO ME IF I GREW OUT MY HAIR UNTIL GRADUATION!!
Really!?
It's not like you'll even be able to do it.
Isn't that amazing!?
ALTHOUGH IT WAS FOR A STUPID REASON LIKE THIS.

AND SO SHE PROMISED THEM
THAT SHE WOULDN'T CUT IT UNTIL AFTER THE JUNIOR HIGH ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
I want to take a video of it, too
Since you grew it out, I want to take pictures of you in your junior high uniform! Wait until the entrance ceremony!
AFTER THAT, OUR PARENTS PLEADED WITH HER,
TSUKASA REALLY GREW OUT HER HAIR.
It's cuter if you tie it like you used to
It's getting longer!
You seem like you're having fun, Mom
GET!
I can't believe you really did it.
All right!
Ahhh
I WANT TO CUT MY HAIR ALREADY!
It's just so annoying!
SO YOU'RE REALLY GONNA CUT IT?
I'M GOING STRAIGHT TO THE BARBERSHOP RIGHT AFTER I GET HOME FROM SCHOOL TODAY!
YOUR BANGS ARE GETTING LONG
YOU WANT TO COME WITH ME?

I HAD THOUGHT TSUKASA AND I COULD BE TOGETHER AGAIN, BUT...
OKAY.
YOU CHANGED YOUR MIND?
WELL... UMM...
IT'S JUST... THAT I STARTED TO FEEL LIKE IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE... I GUESS..
WHY?
YEAH.
Whew...

AH,
YOU SHOULD GO GET A HAIRCUT, SUBARU.
That's bad for your eyes.
THAT'S RIGHT! IT'D BE SUCH A WASTE!
MOM, TEACH ME HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MY HAIR!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF STARTING TODAY!!
..THAT'S OKAY.
I'M NOT GOING, EITHER.
I'VE NEVER SEEN TSUKASA LOOK LIKE THAT BEFORE...
..IT'S KIND OF

AND ALSO,
ぞわぞわぞわ～
CREEPY!
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING WHEN I ASKED HER
ABOUT KYOUSUKE ASAKURA.
AND THAT
Dazed...
WASN'T THE ONLY TIME.

WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T GET LIKE THAT?
I DON'T WANT TO SEE TSUKASA LIKE THAT!!
THIS REALLY SUCKS!
SHIRA-TORI!
I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA,
I CAN'T HEAR YOU, SHIRA-TORI!
Uhh...
Uhh...
Go For it!
Niro Junior High
Go For it!
BUT I CAN'T LET KYOUSUKE ASAKURA HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH TSUKASA ANYMORE...!!
DID IT END UP LIKE THIS?
SO THEN WHY

WHEN I STARTED MY SECOND YEAR,
THE TEACHER DECIDED ON MY COMMITTEE FOR ME,
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE WITH KYOUSUKE ASAKURA...
Huh...?
It's what's left over
YOU'RE ON THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE
I CAN'T LET HIM FIND OUT I'M TSUKASA'S BROTHER NO MATTER WHAT...!
NOT ONE FOR GIVING UP!
"I'M
HE HASN'T GIVEN UP ON TSUKASA YET.
I'VE GOT YOUR BROTHER!
AH HA HA HA!
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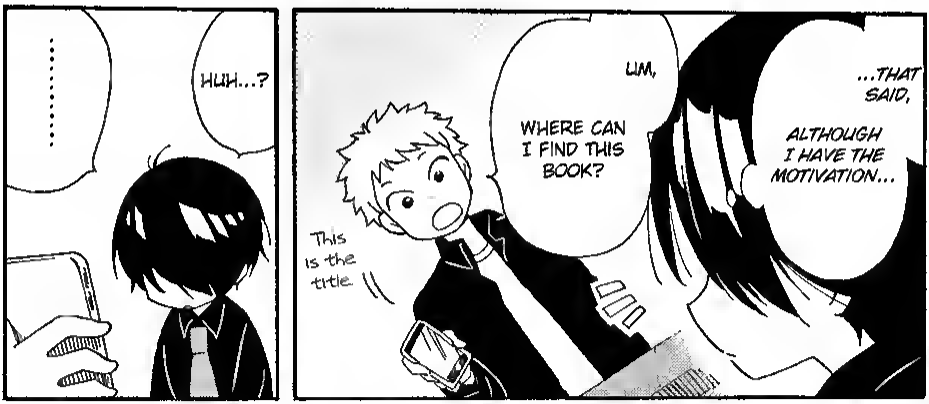
IF HE WERE TO FIND OUT...
Oh no
Help

KUH ...!
IF YOU WANT HIM BACK, GIVE YOURSELF OVER TO ME,
SISCON YELLOW!!

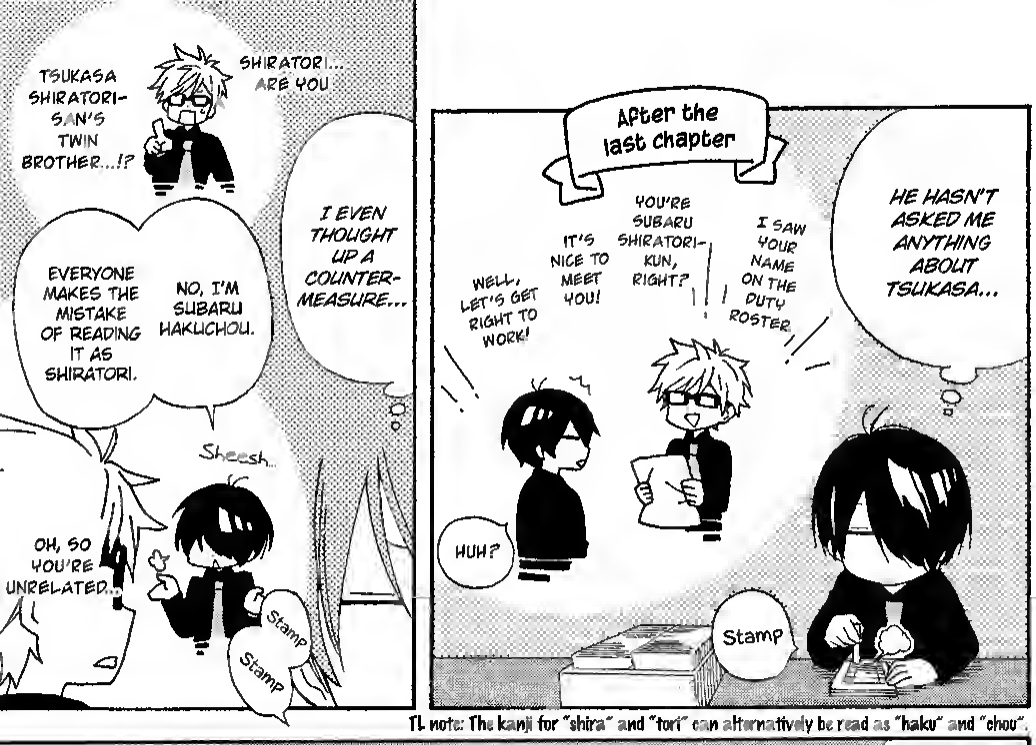
HAHAHAHA
DAMN YOU, PHANTOM NEGA MENME-KEI...!
...SOME-THING LIKE THAT MIGHT HAPPEN.
I HAVE TO KEEP IT TOGETHER ...!


HUH...?
UM,
WHERE CAN I FIND THIS BOOK?
This is the title
...THAT SAID,
ALTHOUGH I HAVE THE MOTIVATION...

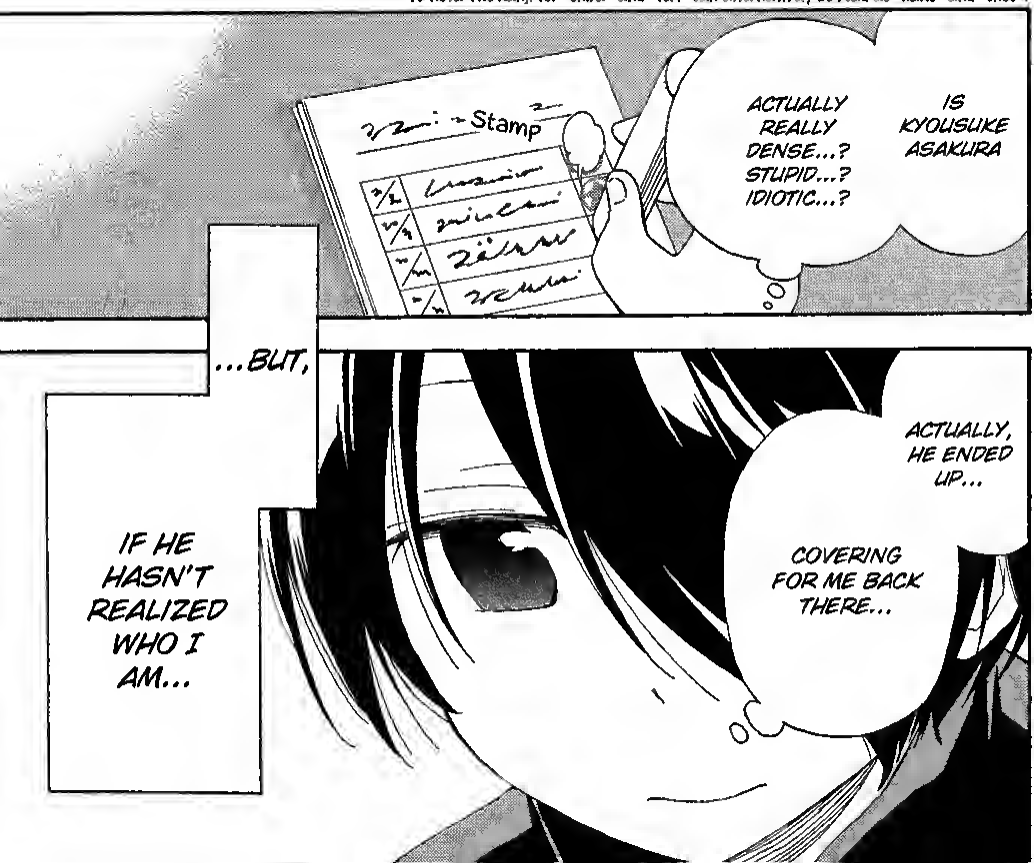
What !?
WHY ARE YOU EVEN SITTING THERE!?
Aren't you on the library committee?
I'M SORRY!
I DON'T KNOW.

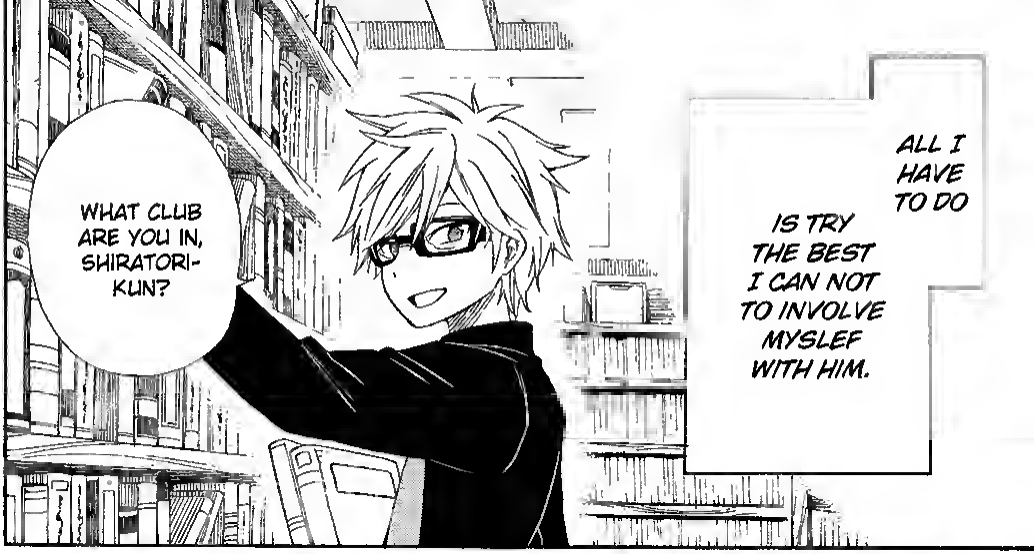
I'LL SHOW HIM WHERE IT IS.
SO TAKE CARE OF THIS FOR ME.
SHIRATORI-KUN.

HE'S REALIZED WHO I AM...
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE


TSUKASA SHIRATORI-SAN'S TWIN BROTHER...!?
SHIRATORI... ARE YOU
I EVEN THOUGHT UP A COUNTER-MEASURE...
EVERYONE MAKES THE MISTAKE OF READING IT AS SHIRATORI.
NO, I'M SUBARU HAKUCHOU.
Sheesh...
OH, SO YOU'RE UNRELATED...
Stamp
Stamp
After the last chapter
WELL, LET'S GET RIGHT TO WORK!
IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!
YOU'RE SUBARU SHIRATORI-KUN, RIGHT?
I SAW YOUR NAME ON THE DUTY ROSTER
HE HASN'T ASKED ME ANYTHING ABOUT TSUKASA...
HUH?
Stamp

TL note: The kanji for "shira" and "tori" can alternatively be read as "haku" and "chou".




WHAT CLUB ARE YOU IN, SHIRATORI-KUN?
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TRY THE BEST I CAN NOT TO INVOLVE MYSLEF WITH HIM.

THIS SUCKS...
IS HE THE TYPE THAT TRIES TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH PEOPLE HE WORKS WITH...?
Ah,
COME TO THINK OF IT,

I KNOW YOU GOT YELLED AT EARLIER...
Aren't you
on the library committee!?

SO THEN WHY
IS HE TALKING TO ME?

...I'M ON THE SOCCER TEAM...
REALLY!
WHAT'S YOUR POSITION?
...I'M A MIDFIELDER.

BUT EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES,
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I'LL HELP YOU OUT UNTIL YOU'RE USED TO IT.

THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING THE RED RANGER OF A SUPERHERO SQUAD WOULD SAY...
Don't give up!!
Let's do it!
We're here for you!
Sorry to change the subject!
BUT WHAT DO YOU DO IN YOUR FREE TIME?
Other than soccer

IF I TELL HIM I CROSS-DRESS...
HE MIGHT STOP TALKING TO ME...
?
In fact, I've done it in front of you once.
AH!
THAT'S IT!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS CREEP HIM OUT!
THAT'S

!?
ぼん!!...
I'VE BEEN PRETENDING I'M A CURSE RANGER... LATELY...
MY SPECIALTY.
IT'S THE SUPERHERO SERIES AIRING THIS SEASON IN THE MORNINGS.
CUR...
THE DIRECTOR WAS INVOLVED WITH THE SPECIAL POLICE SQUAD SERIES THAT WAS A BIG HIT, SO I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT.
IN PARTICULAR, THEY PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO THE ACTION SCENES, AS WELL AS THE SIGNATURE POSES, WHICH AID IN REPRESENTING THE SERIES' WORLD VIEW IN PURSUIT OF BOTH CLASSIC AND CONSTANTLY EVOLVING TECHNIQUES, ESPECIALLY IN THE RELATIONSHIP SURROUNDING BLUE AND THE ADDITIONAL HEROES THAT

WHEN I'M ALONE IN MY ROOM,
I PUT ON MY TRANS-FORMATION SUIT
AND YELL THIS OUT TO PRACTICALLY GIVE MY LIFE MEANING.
"MONSTER SQUAD CURSE RANGERS !!!"
"REST IN PEACE WITH ME!!"
...JUST LIKE THAT.
MOST PEOPLE WOULD BE CREEPED OUT ABOUT NOW.
YOU'RE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE, RIGHT, KYOUSUKE ASAKURA?
NOW YOU WON'T WANT TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME ANYMORE...!!
...I

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL!
I USUALLY PRACTICE DOING THE TRANSFORMATION AND SIGNATURE POSES, TOO! IT'S SO COOL WHEN ALL OF THEM ARE TOGETHER! AND THOSE ACTION SCENES ARE OFF THE CHART!
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT ONE SERIES FROM 1998? THE COMBINATION SCENES ARE SO AWESOME! THEY PUT IT OUT ON DVD, AND ALTHOUGH IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE FOR ME TO BUY IT, I HAPPENED TO SEE IT ON TV THE OTHER DAY! THAT WAS ALSO ONE WHERE THE AUDITIONS FOR THE ACTORS
I'VE ALSO BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO CURSE RANGERS!!
BUT STILL, I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE SAME AS ME!
I ALSO LOVE WATCHING
SUPER-HERO SHOWS!!

EHHH...?
SHIRA-TORI-KUN!!
SHIRA-TORI-KUN!!
DID YOU SEE THIS WEEK'S CURSE RANGER?
THAT MONSTER IN THE SECOND HALF WAS AWESOME!
WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SERIES?
I KNOW THAT IT'S HARD TO PICK JUST ONE.
ARE THERE SOME SQUADS LIKE THAT ONE THAT YOU LIKE?
THAT SQUAD IS POPULAR FOR SOME REASON, BUT I LIKE THEM.
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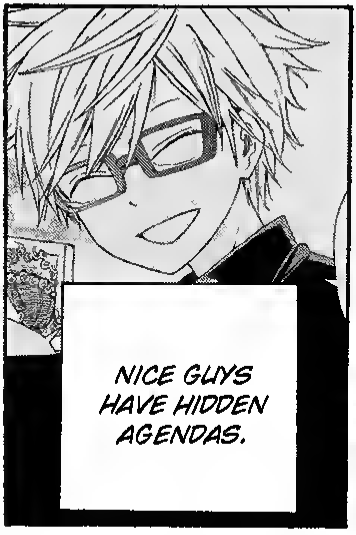
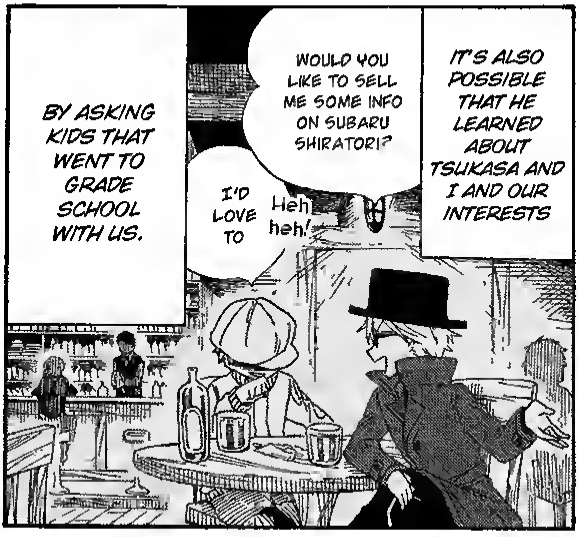
.....

HE'S SO ANNOY-ING...
...I CAN'T BELIEVE KYOUSUKE ASAKURA IS INTO THE SAME THING I AM...
EVEN THOUGH HE USUALLY DOESN'T ACT LIKE THAT...
HE HIDES HIS NERDINESS.
Hmmm...
I DON'T WANT HIM TO THINK THAT WE'RE GONNA BE FRIENDS...
I'M SURE THAT HE'LL FIGURE OUT WHO I AM IF HE SEES MY FACE...
AH!

MAYBE HE ALREADY KNOWS I'M TSUKASA'S BROTHER...
AND IS TRYING TO GET ON MY GOOD SIDE FIRST...

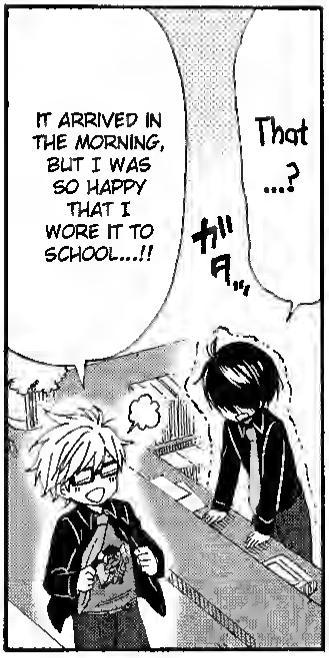

NICE GUYS HAVE HIDDEN AGENDAS.


BY ASKING KIDS THAT WENT TO GRADE SCHOOL WITH US.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SELL ME SOME INFO ON SUBARU SHIRATORI?
I'D LOVE TO
Heh heh!
IT'S ALSO POSSIBLE THAT HE LEARNED ABOUT TSUKASA AND I AND OUR INTERESTS

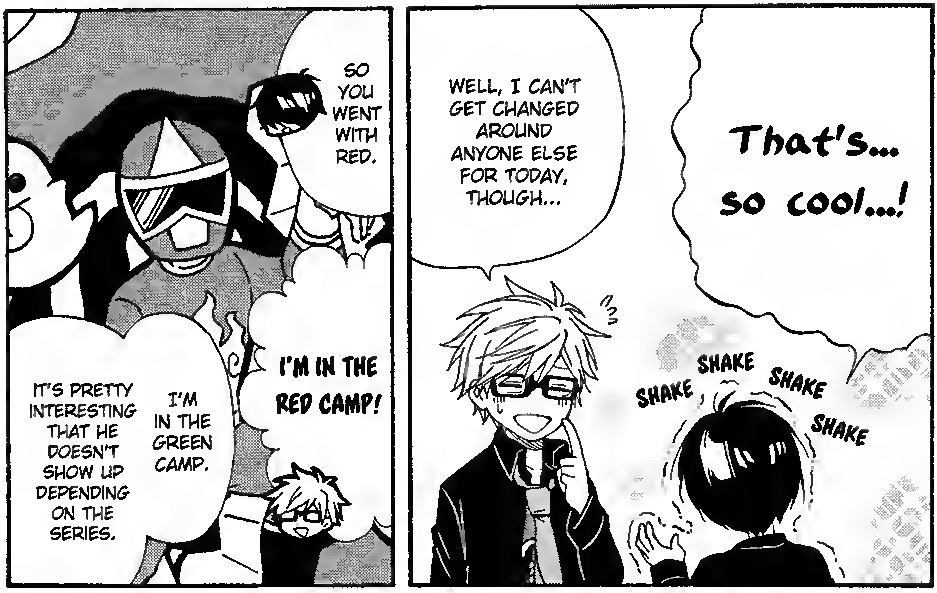
I'M NOT GONNA FALL FOR THAT TRAP...!!
SHIRA-TORI-KUN!

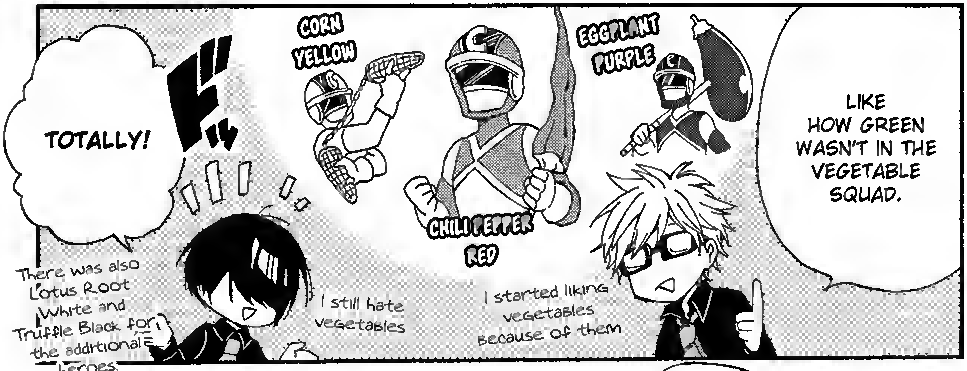
I COULDN'T CARE LESS.
THIS!!
THE T-SHIRT FROM THE CURSE RANGERS SAUSAGES!

...WHAT?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT YOU TO SEE!


That ...?
IT ARRIVED IN THE MORNING, BUT I WAS SO HAPPY THAT I WORE IT TO SCHOOL...!!

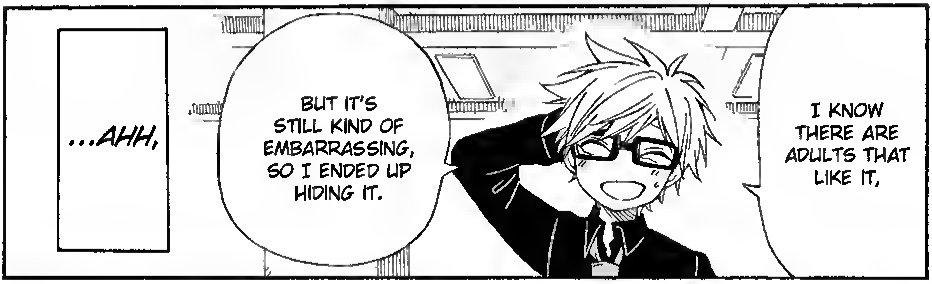
HUH?


SO YOU WENT WITH RED.
I'M IN THE RED CAMP!
I'M IN THE GREEN CAMP.
IT'S PRETTY INTERESTING THAT HE DOESN'T SHOW UP DEPENDING ON THE SERIES.
WELL, I CAN'T GET CHANGED AROUND ANYONE ELSE FOR TODAY, THOUGH...
That's... so cool...!
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE


TOTALLY!
CORN YELLOW
EGGPLANT PURPLE
CHILI PEPPER RED
LIKE HOW GREEN WASN'T IN THE VEGETABLE SQUAD.
There was also Lotus Root White and Truffle Black for the additional heroes.
I still hate vegetables
I started liking vegetables because of them

GETTING A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT SOMETHING YOU LIKE.
BUT STILL, IT'S PRETTY FUN
...CRAP, I TOOK THE BAIT.
AH!

AS I GREW UP, EVERYONE ELSE OUTGREW STUFF LIKE THIS,
SO IT FELT PRETTY LONELY.

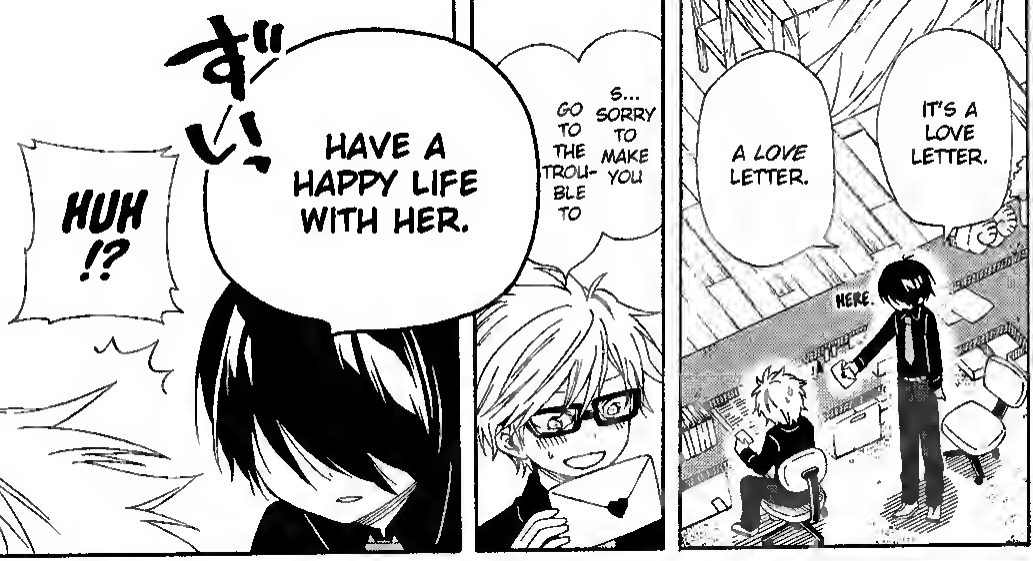

I KNOW THERE ARE ADULTS THAT LIKE IT,
BUT IT'S STILL KIND OF EMBARRASSING, SO I ENDED UP HIDING IT.
...AHH,

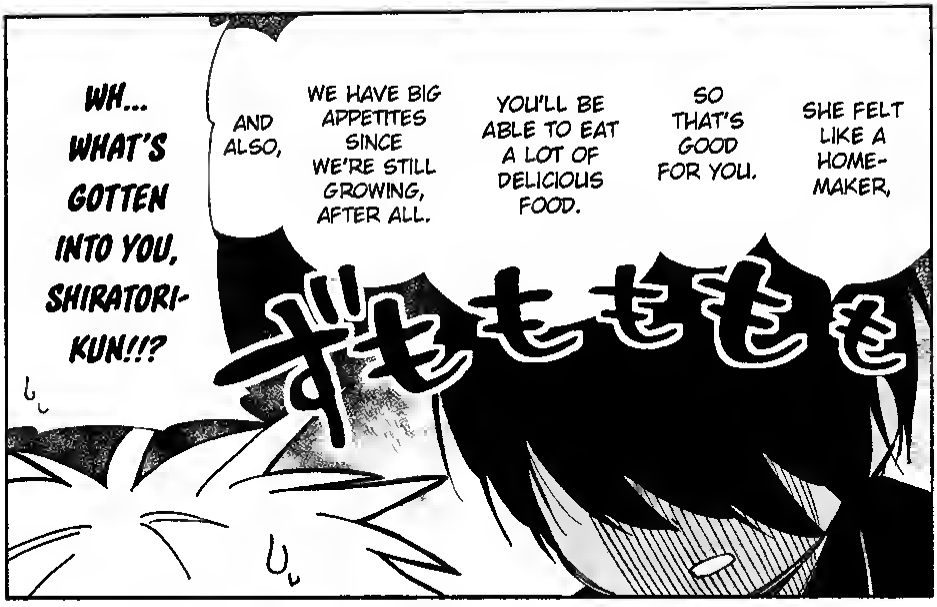
I'VE WONDERED WHY
EVERYONE'S INTERESTS CHANGE.

I GUESS I CAN
SORT OF RELATE.
"YOU WANT TO PRETEND WE'RE SUPERHEROES?"
"I DON'T DO STUFF LIKE THAT ANYMORE."

WHY,
TSU-
KASA?
.....?

PLEASE GIVE THIS TO HIM!
EXCUSE ME!
YOU'RE ON THE SAME COMMITTEE AS ASAKURA-KUN, RIGHT!?
I GUESS HE WAS PRETTY POPULAR...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
Why give this to me...? What about someone in his own class...?
And why now?
THIS IS...
Milk
A LETTER FOR ME?
HUH?
!
OH, YEAH.
IF ASAKURA GOES OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE...


IT'S A LOVE LETTER.
A LOVE LETTER.
HERE.
S... SORRY TO MAKE YOU GO TO THE TROUBLE TO
HAVE A HAPPY LIFE WITH HER.
HUH !?


SHE FELT LIKE A HOME-MAKER,
SO THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU.
YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EAT A LOT OF DELICIOUS FOOD.
WE HAVE BIG APPETITES SINCE WE'RE STILL GROWING, AFTER ALL.
AND ALSO,
WH... WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU, SHIRATORI-KUN!!?
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DID SHE TELL YOU TO SAY THAT?
I...I DON'T PLAN ON GOING OUT WITH HER.
DAMN!
BUT,

I'LL READ THIS LATER.
THANKS FOR DELIVERING IT TO ME.
...YOU'RE GONNA READ IT EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE GONNA TURN HER DOWN?
WHAT A WASTE OF TIME...
OF COURSE.
IT'D BE RUDE NOT TO.
PLUS,
I'M HAPPY
FOR HER FEELINGS.

...I OFTEN HEAR PEOPLE SAY THAT.
BUT WHY WOULD ANYONE FEEL THAT WAY?
A STRANGER FALLING IN LOVE WITH YOU
WOULD NORMALLY BE CREEPY.
EVEN TSUKASA
SAID THAT IN THE PAST.
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...ARE YOU OKAY?
YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD...
Flip
HUH?

TH... THAT FACE...
!?
SHI-
SHIRA-TORI...
Ah!
COULD YOU BE...!?

T-
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TWINS...
SHAMELESS
THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT STILL, WHAT A SURPRISE!

I REALIZED THAT YOU HAD THE SAME SURNAME, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE TWINS...!
SO STUFF LIKE THIS REALLY DOES HAPPEN...!

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU ASKED OUT MY TWIN SISTER TSUKASA.
I HAD NO IDEA!

SO HE REALLY DIDN'T NOTICE...?

HERE IT COMES.
!!

SHIRA-TORI-KUN...
LIKE I JUST TOLD YOU, SHIRATORI-SAN REJECTED ME...
SO EVEN THOUGH I PROBABLY SHOULDN'T BE ASKING YOU SOMETHING LIKE THIS AS HER BROTHER...

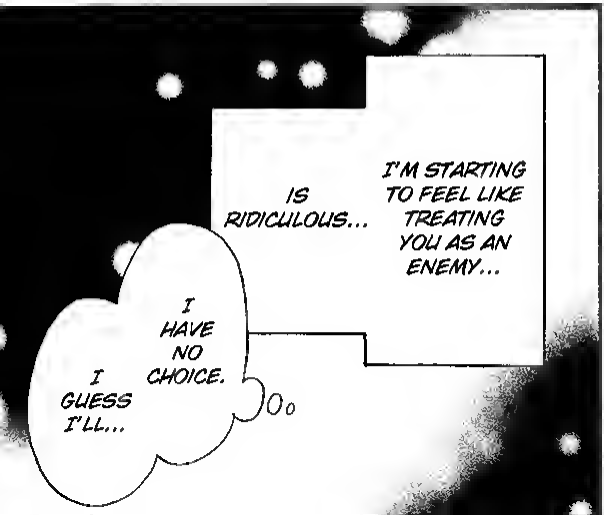
.....

WHAT'S HE GONNA ASK ME...!?
I WANT YOU TO ASK HER IF SHE WOULD GIVE ME
HER NUMBER AGAIN!
...HUH?
??
Ah!
WELL... UM,
WHEN SHE GAVE ME HER REPLY...

SHE SUDDENLY TOLD ME IN THE MIDDLE OF MY RUN,
AND SHE RAN AWAY BEFORE I COULD ORGANIZE MY THOUGHTS...
I WANTED TO ASK HER
IF WE COULD AT LEAST START AS FRIENDS, BUT I COULDN'T...
YOU SHOULD HAVE JUST GOTTEN DISAPPOINTED AND FORGET...
about Tsukasa
Didn't you already exchange numbers?
WHY HER NUMBER ...?
BUT...
MY PHONE BROKE WHEN I SAVED A KITTEN THAT WAS DROWNING DOWN BY THE RIVER BANK...
splash
I lost all of my data.
He's Red.
SO THERE REALLY ARE PEOPLE WHO DO STUFF LIKE THAT.

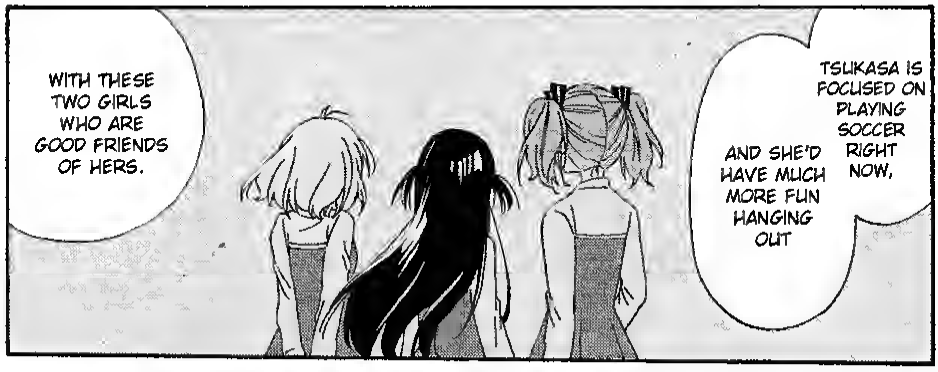
I DON'T SEE HER ANYMORE WHEN I'M JOGGING IN THE MORNING...
SO I WAS WONDERING WHAT I SHOULD DO...

...ASA-KURA
...IS REALLY ...


I'M STARTING TO FEEL LIKE TREATING YOU AS AN ENEMY...
IS RIDICULOUS...
I HAVE NO CHOICE.
I GUESS I'LL...

INSTEAD OF ASKING ME FOR TSUKASA'S NUMBER...
HE WANTS TO GET HER PERMISSION FIRST...?

SOFTLY
LET HIM DOWN.
I THINK YOU SHOULD JUST LET HER GO.
!!
I MEAN, SHE TOLD YOU THAT SHE DIDN'T WANT TO DEAL WITH STUFF LIKE THAT YET WHEN SHE TURNED YOU DOWN, RIGHT?
IN THAT CASE, SHE'LL ALWAYS "NOT BE READY" WHEN IT COMES TO YOU.
.....!


TSUKASA IS FOCUSED ON PLAYING SOCCER RIGHT NOW,
AND SHE'D HAVE MUCH MORE FUN HANGING OUT
WITH THESE TWO GIRLS WHO ARE GOOD FRIENDS OF HERS.

SO,
FOR YOUR OWN SAKE, YOU SHOULD SHIFT YOUR FOCUS
ONTO GIRLS WHO LIKE YOU LIKE THAT GIRL WHO WROTE THAT LETTER.

TSUKASA WON'T CHANGE.
I'M HER BROTHER, SO I KNOW.
.....
YOU'RE RIGHT.
THAT MAY BE THE CASE RIGHT NOW,
BUT

PEOPLE CHANGE.
YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN WITH SHIRATORI-SAN.
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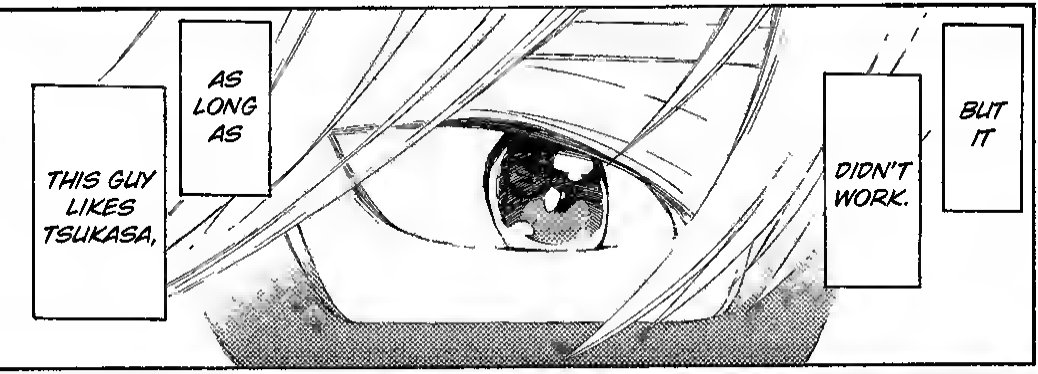
...THIS GUY
SAID WHAT I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THE MOST...

EVEN THO-UGH I JUST SAID
THAT TSU-KASA WON'T CHANGE ...!!!

THAT'S RIGHT ...
FROM THE START.
THE REASON WHY I TOLD TSUKASA TO MEET UP WITH HIM
IS BECAUSE I WANTED HER TO REJECT HIM.

A GUY WHO LIKES TSUKASA THAT WAY.
IT WAS ALSO CREEPY FOR THERE TO BE
SOMEONE WOULD CHOOSE TSUKASA.
THERE'S NO WAY
DON'T TAKE TSUKASA
Haa...
AWAY FROM ME.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE OKAY,
DIDN'T GO NEAR TSUKASA AGAIN,
AND THIS GUY
TSUKASA TURNED HIM DOWN
AS LONG AS
SO I WAS RELIEVED.


THIS GUY LIKES TSUKASA,
AS LONG AS
DIDN'T WORK.
BUT IT

WILL ACHE...
HEART
MY

SHIRATORI-KUN...?
SET UP A MEETING...
THEN I'LL

WITH TSUKASA ...!!
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……!!
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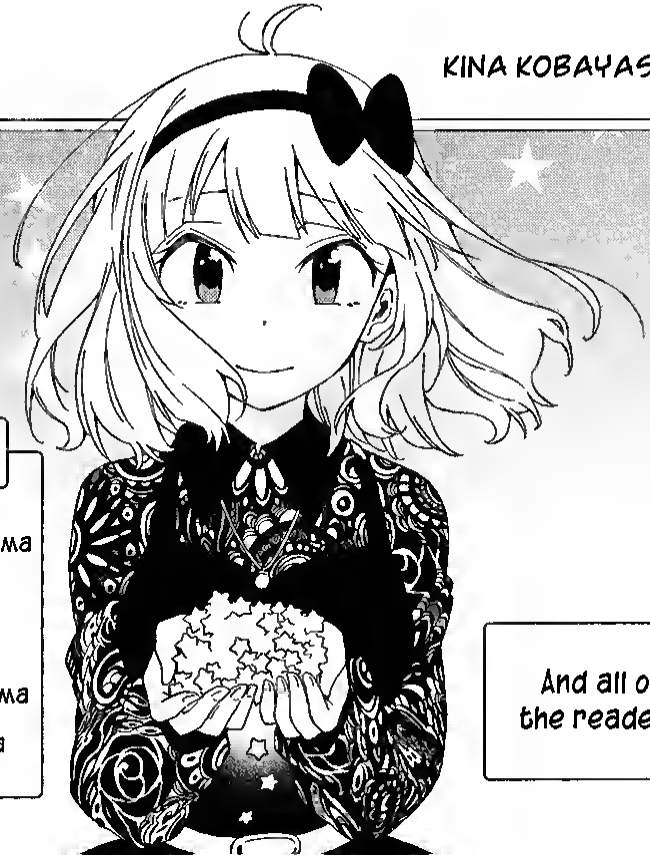
OKAY.
I'll shut the window.
LET'S GET BACK TO WORK FOR NOW.
RATTLE
YEAH.
REALLY, SHIRATORI-KUN!?

NANASHI NO ASTERISM 2 THE END

Afterword

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR PICKING UP "NANASHI NO ASTERISM" VOLUME 2!
I ALREADY DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD WRITE FOR THE AFTERWORD.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALWAYS OFFERING COMMENTS AND THOUGHTS ON TWITTER AND GANGAN ONLINE'S HOMEPAGE!
THEY GIVE ME ENCOURAGEMENT MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE.
WELL THEN, I'D LOVE IT IF WE COULD MEET AGAIN IN VOLUME 3...!

KINA KOBAYASHI



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